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## American Beats R.A.F. Air Record

Washington, June 19. The U.S. Army Air Forces' jet-propelled P-80 "Shooting Star" set a new world speed record of 623.8 miles an hour today at Muroc Army Air Base, California.

The record, announced here by the U.S. Army Air Forces, exceeds by 7.8 miles per hour the record held by the British "Gloster Meteor IV."

Colonel Albert Boyd, chief of the Air Materiel Command flight test division, was in the air for about 21 minutes at the controls of the sleek, specially-constructed Lockheed fighter known as the P-80.

Lockheed Aircraft Corporation spent nearly a year getting the "Racey-80" in shape. The air intake ducts on either side of the fuselage have been made nearly flush to reduce the drag. The windshield canopy has been cut down and shortened gun ports faired over. Every other protuberance was smoothed.

The British record of 616 miles per hour was set on September 7, 1946, at Littlehampton, England.—United Press.

## U.S. Shipping Strike Over

New York, June 19. The nation-wide shipping tie-up ended in all ports as members of three CIO unions voted acceptance of a five per cent wage increase on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts and two West Coast unions agreed to end pending negotiations.

The railroad embargo on freight shipments to strike-bound American vessels was lifted a few hours after the break in the "no contract no work" stoppage came with the East Coast settlement.

East Coast unions and ship operators reached agreement early after more than 16 continuous hours of negotiations. The West Coast break came ten hours later, releasing 700 ships from a four-day sit-down stoppage by 200,000 seamen.—United Press.

## KARACHI CAPITAL OF PAKISTAN

Karachi, June 19. Karachi has been finally selected as the capital of the Pakistan Dominion Government. It was learned here tonight.

The Sind Government has set up the machinery requisitioning and constructing buildings to house the Pakistan Administration.

Mr. Jinnah, President of the Muslim League, is expected in Karachi shortly to study the situation.—Reuter.

## China's Challenge To World Effort

Shanghai, June 20. The importance of an analysis of the reconstruction problems of the Far East was emphasised by the UNRRA observer, Mr. Harlan Cleveland, at today's meeting of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.

He referred to the great difference between the problems that UNRRA faced in China and those met with in Europe. The whole emphasis differed. The overall UNRRA programme for China now stood approximately US\$530,000,000. Food

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## RIVER STEAMER DISASTER

### Hundred Lives Lost In Kwangtung Floods

### Water Only Five Inches From Bund

Canton, June 20. More than 100 persons were lost when the river steamer Chien Kuo struck rocks in the North River which is still at flood stage, according to a report received here.

The report said the vessel was en route from Tsingyuen to Canton when the swift current threw it upon submerged rocks near Mang Tsai Gap (Blind Boy's Gap) north of Canton. It is not known whether there were any survivors. All the ship's cargo was lost.

Meanwhile, the Kwangtung Emergency Flood Relief Committee decided that all civil servants would be levied one day's pay for relief purposes. This is expected to amount to CN\$200,000,000 while restaurants, tea houses and theatres will contribute one day's receipts, expected to amount to an additional \$50,000,000.

The price of rice rose 75 percent to reach \$220,000 per picul. The Highways Commission announced that all roads are blocked except that between Canton and the district of Tung Fa, and the one between Ku-kong and Nanyung. Telegraphic communication between Canton and the East and West River areas is entirely disrupted.—United Press.

**Roads Blocked**  
The CNRRA Canton Regional Office allocated 1,000 tons of rice for relief in the Waichow and West River areas, and the

## Waichow Now A Lake

Canton, June 20. The swift flood waters of the East River and the West River claimed more than 100 lives, the Canton "Daily Sun" estimated today. The flood has destroyed nearly all early rice crops close to the two river banks.

Hundreds of huts have been washed away. While Tungking and Waichow on the East River were transformed into vast lakes with the water ranging in depth from five to 15 feet. Many people have fled to the hills or are marooned on the house-tops.

At Canton, another foot rise in the Pearl River will make boating possible on Shameen.—Associated Press.

## AUSSIE GIFT

London, June 20. Australia today gave Britain a cheque for A£25,000,000 with an explanation that it was a "goodwill" gift with no strings attached.—Associated Press.

## ELECTIONS IN CHINA

Nanking, June 19. The general national election will definitely be held this year and is expected to be completed by the end of September, declared Mr. Chang Li-sheng, Minister of Interior, at a press conference this afternoon.—Central News.

Stockholm, June 20. Raja Bhalinder Singh of India was elected to the International Olympic Committee during the meeting of the Olympic Congress here.

Mr. S.Y. Tung of China was also elected to the Committee.—Reuter.

## Italy And Marshall Plan

Rome, June 20. The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, said today that the Marshall plan was motivated by anti-war sentiments and pledged Italy's participation "on a basis of equality."

Speaking in parliament, Count Sforza hailed the United States Secretary of State's proposal for European economic unity as the "first ray of light which has appeared before the world."

"I have already received from Washington and London an indication that the attitude of the Italian Government has been understood," the Minister said. "We have supported the Marshall plan because while Fascism did not believe in Italy and wanted war we believe in Italy and want peace."

The Foreign Minister's short statement was roundly cheered by the entire Assembly.—United Press.

## EUROPEANS IN HOLD-UP

The driver of taxi No. 4150, operated by the New Kowloon Taxi Co., was held up by three Europeans at Shatin at about 9 p.m. yesterday. After being struck on the mouth by one of the Europeans, he was thrown out of the car, and the taxi driven away in an unknown direction.

## Warning Of New Threat At Tel-Aviv

Jerusalem, June 20. Police and military forces at Tel-Aviv were alerted today after a report was received that there was an additional tunnel near Citrus House, military headquarters.

The authorities are searching for the tunnel. The first tunnel was dug by Jewish extremists in an attempt to blow up Citrus House but their plans were spoiled by Hagana members who blasted the tunnel.

Meanwhile, in Jerusalem, a military court sentenced Dov Zidek, 29, to 10 years' imprisonment on charges of carrying weapons. Zidek was found with three drivers whose clothes had been stolen. He tried to escape but was wounded and captured.—United Press.

## Typhoon Moving This Way

Manila, June 20. "Carole," the season's first typhoon shaved the northeast tip of Luzon this afternoon and threatens to hit the China coast. The U.S. Fleet weather center said Navy planes located the centre at 0600 GMT at 18.3 North, 120.9 East, moving northeast at 12 knots.

Winds at the centre reached 100 knots, accelerating together with the speed of the storm and causing "very rough seas" in the Luzon straits and adjacent waters. Winds of 65 knots were reported within 150 miles of the centre.

At 0800 GMT, the storm was reported about 50 miles due east of Cape Engano. Weathermen forecast the typhoon at 1800 GMT at 20.1 North, 121.0 East and at 0600 GMT on June 21 at 22.1 North, 119.2 East.

"Carole" thus would move through the Luzon Strait and only a sharp change in course could save the China coast from a battering, the Navy said.—Associated Press.

Tokyo, June 20. A typhoon this morning was on a northerly course, 300 miles east of Northern Luzon, United States Army meteorological authorities reported.

Typhoon winds are reaching 75 miles per hour.—Reuter.

## THE WEATHER

Anticyclones are centred over Tibet and to the E. of Japan. From the latter a ridge extends to S. China. Pressure is low from Burma to the Philippines and a typhoon centred about 100 miles E. of Northern Luzon is moving NW or NNW. Today's Forecast: Light easterly winds, fine.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 81.5 deg. F. Minimum: 74.1 deg. F. Rainfall: 6.1 hours. Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1: 19.6 mm. as against an average of 112 mm.

## Press Inquiry Secrecy

London, June 20. The Royal Commission on the Press announced today that all oral evidence in its inquiry will be heard in private.

The Commission decided, however, to publish all written evidence with the exception of material specifically submitted in confidence "as soon as possible after it is received."

The announcement said: "The Commission believes it to be unavoidable in an inquiry of this kind that some evidence will be heard in private. It has considered carefully whether some of the evidence could be heard in public but came to the conclusion that topics on which evidence could be given in public were so closely related to those on which witnesses might wish to give evidence in private that they could not readily be separated."

The announcement added: "Any attempt to hear part of the evidence in public would impede the Commission's task of ascertaining the truth and give the public a misleading impression of the course of the inquiry."

The announcement said the Commission will not ask proprietors of trade and technical and specialised and religious journals to submit evidence.

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Those owning daily or Sunday national newspapers.

Those owning five or more provincial papers.

Companies which do not specifically fall into the above categories including those owning political periodicals.

Associations of owners or journalists who have not yet submitted evidence are invited to do so. At a later date news agencies, advertising organisations and others will be invited to testify.—United Press.

## WHARF FRACAS

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## POTATO FAMINE

London, June 20. The Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, told a press conference today what housewives already knew—that London was in the midst of its worst potato shortage in a year of shortages.

He said, however, it would be over within ten days.—United Press.

## Stratford Market Furore

London, June 19. Police reinforcements were called out at Stratford Market today to control a mob of 50 to 60 angry greengrocers who were demonstrating outside wholesalers' warehouses against the potato shortage.

Some London greengrocers closed down rather than face angry customers, while at other shops, long queues of housewives lined up for two pounds of potato ration.

Only one-tenth of the normal needs were delivered to the markets. London consumes about 15,000 tons of potatoes weekly.

This week, retailers are lucky if they get 2,000 tons of potatoes, marketmen say.

The famine is blamed on the severe winter, which caused the late planting; floods destroyed many crops; and, lastly, lack of rain in many districts retarded growth.

Supplies of peas and cabbages are also meagre.—Reuter.

## Major Farran Disappears

Jerusalem, June 20. Major Alexander Farran, Police Superintendent, detained on charges of kidnapping a missing person, is reported to have escaped from detention early today with the aid of unidentified friends.

Police stations and patrol cars throughout Jerusalem were on the alert to recapture him.

The Public Information Service had earlier identified by three eye-witnesses as the man who seized the missing youth last month.—United Press.

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## Dramatic Communist Successes Hinted

## CHANGCHUN TO BE CONCEDED?

Peiping, June 20. Unconfirmed reports from usually reliable sources indicated today the Nationalists were abandoning the isolated Manchurian capital at Changchun in what may develop into a general withdrawal from Manchuria.

Strong forces, believed to be elements of the government's New First Army, were reported to be "fighting southward" along the Changchun railway following a conference at Nanking in which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Gen. Sun Li-jen, commander of the Changchun sector, were believed to have decided to sacrifice the Manchurian capital in an effort to strengthen the Nationalist defences in the Mukden area.

It is rumoured that the Nationalists will give up Manchuria altogether and concentrate on repelling the Communists in North China, but few believe the government give up Mukden without a bitter fight.

The reported retreat from Changchun and earlier reports of the evacuation of machinery emphasises the importance of recent Communist advances in northern China.—United Press.

**Szepeinghai Battle**  
Peiping, June 20. The Reds smashed into Szepeinghai and engaged in desperate street fighting with the Nationalists, Chinese press reports from Mukden said today.

Surrounding the city on three sides, about 6,000 Reds were menacing the core of Government resistance. Pushing into the western sector, downtown section, the attackers wrested control in bitter fighting of the Central Bank building and the provincial government offices.

At Nanking, a highly-placed source said only the "most startling developments" will avenge off the complete loss of Manchuria to the Reds, who already have succeeded in disrupting the Government's main communication lines.

The same source said the Government's efforts to take over the administration of Dairen and Port Arthur under the Sino-Soviet treaty have been "completely frustrated" with a majority of Government officials.

**Chiang's Attitude**  
Nanking, June 20. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek told the State Council today that Government is determined to hold Changchun and Mukden and if Government troops can keep the two strong-

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## Ferry Incident

For interfering with the navigation of the s/s. "Man Chi" on June 18, Chan For, shoemaker, was fined \$250 (or three months' hard labour) by Mr. W.H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

DSI R. MacKenzie said that at about 3.20 p.m. on June 18, the launch was on its way from Mong Kok to Hong Kong when, about 50 to 60 yards from the Hong Kong wharf, the coxswain found that it could not move the steering wheel.

Singling the engine room "Full speed ahead," the coxswain sent his assistant off to investigate. Defendant was seen by the assistant coxswain sitting on a piece of wood at the stern with his hand holding an iron pin which locks the steering chain, said DSI MacKenzie.

On being charged, Chan For, the prosecuting officer, accused plaintiff that he was drunk at the time.

"I don't treat him the same as I did the R.A.F. boys," said his Worship.

## Japanese Accused Says He Now "Fully Understands"

While admitting that sanitary conditions at the Tsun Wan Gendarmarie were not as good as at Stanley Prison, where he had been detained for the last two years, Sgt. Tsubota Kanji, who is on trial before No. 5 War Crimes Court, declared yesterday that he now fully understood the feeling of prisoners at the Tsun Wan Gendarmarie who were dissatisfied in regard to food, because he was experiencing the same conditions himself in Stanley.

Tsubota also said that he had no experience in the interrogation of suspects, but that an interpreter named Lum at the Tsun Wan Gendarmarie, who had a brutal mentality which was common among Formosans, carried out interrogations very successfully. Tsubota maintained that Lum, in hanging up a suspect, was not using force.

Tsubota is charged with having committed a war crime between July 1, 1943 and Dec. 31, 1944, in that he was concerned at Tsun Wan Kempital Station.

## Coming Events

June 26—Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co. Ltd. annual meeting, 11 a.m.

June 28—Sandakan Light & Power Co. (1922) Ltd. annual meeting, noon.

June 27—Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd. annual general meeting, noon.

June 26—H.K. Rope Mfg. Co. Ltd. annual meeting, noon.

July 3—Lane Crawford Ltd. general meeting of Shareholders, noon.

July 11—Peak Tramways annual meeting, noon.

Tsubota said that he thought Lum, who spoke very fluent Cantonese, was now in Formosa. He did not understand Hakka, so could say anything regarding Lum's knowledge of this dialect.

Describing Lum, Tsubota said that because he was a young man, he did not like to be outwitted and would always brag about his ability to carry out interrogations successfully. Sometimes Lum would say that it was a very easy matter to carry out Kempital duties. "He carried out very successful interrogations and could fill in reports, but he had a brutal mentality, which was common among Formosans," said Tsubota.

**Railway Sabotage**  
Tsubota said that he was not acquainted with the details of the railway sabotage incident, but had heard that an attempt was made to blow up the railway station and an electric generator near Sheungshui. As this incident happened in the area under the control of the Kowloon District Gendarmarie, the Commandant of the Gendarmarie ordered all detachments to apprehend the offenders.

In July 1943, an uncle of the leader of the gang which attempted to carry out the sabotage was arrested in a bakery, which was being watched by an informer of Nakayama.

Tsubota admitted having arrested Sin Ying and several others on or about Aug. 15, 1943. He said that he arrived at the Tsun Wan Gendarmarie and was ordered by Nakayama to carry out the arrest.

Tsubota said that the persons arrested were interrogated by Nakayama through interpreter Lum. Tsubota admitted having carried out the interrogation of a few of the arrested persons. He had no previous experience in interrogation. "It was the first time that I had conducted an interrogation since I was born," declared Tsubota. He was ordered to carry it out to gain knowledge from Lum, who was an experienced interrogator.

**Very Busy**  
Tsubota said that it was near the end of the month and he was very busy, as there were many reports which had to be rendered. In addition, he had also to pay out the Chinese policemen and to attend to other pending matters. He sometimes left his desk and the interrogation was then carried on by Lum, who took notes and reported to him.

**Nothing Further**  
Tsubota said that he thought the Political Section of the Kowloon District Gendarmarie and the Sheungshui Kempital Detachment took counter-measures to catch the culprits responsible for the sabotage by using the persons released. As the Tsun Wan Gendarmarie was some distance from the Sheungshui Kempital, he did not hear anything further about the affair.

Tsubota said that Wong Fook was arrested for cutting down virgin trees and sending the wood to Hong Kong for sale. This was prohibited by law. The case of Wong Fook was not a very important one and it was disposed of by deportation. Persons who were deported were those who had failed to register their domicile and persons who were concerned in the cutting down of virgin trees, felling of houses and pickpockets. Tsubota denied having struck Wong Fook with a stick, but agreed that he might have slapped him with his open hand.

**Scale Of Food**  
At that time, the maximum number of persons detained in a cell was between seven and eight. Food, in the shape of a rice ball was given to prisoners twice a day. In addition, salt and subsidiary dishes, comprising food left over from the mess, was given to prisoners. The scale of food at all detachments was the same and was issued according to orders of the Intendence Section.

Tsubota said that as prisoners at the Tsun Wan Gendarmarie received, left over, they received more food than prisoners at other Gendarmaries. A pail of drinking water was placed outside each of the four cells at Tsun Wan.

Tsubota admitted that no medicine was given to prisoners, but anti-malarial pills, issued to the Kempital personnel, were given to prisoners suffering from malaria.

The cell block was very old and this, coupled with the climatic conditions, might have led to the prevalence of lice.

He said that nothing could be done about food, but in regard to medicine, application was made to the M.I. Room of the Kowloon District Gendarmarie. No medicine was ever issued.

Although parcels were prohibited, he closed his eyes to parcels being sent in to prisoners.

**Brutality Wrong**  
Cross-examined by Major Ormsby, Tsubota said that he had been taught how to obtain confessions from a suspect without the use of force. He never used force as it was wrong to adopt brutal methods. Investigations were carried out for the purpose of finding out whether or not a crime had been committed.

An educated person would understand by talking, but at that time prisoners were uneducated and they would tell clear lies. As a result, he must have become annoyed and used his open hand to strike them. It was very difficult, at the present time, to explain his feelings and the cause behind his using his open hand. He thought it was against principles to hit a prisoner, but at that time he had police authority and considered that it would be of no consequence to strike a prisoner lightly.

Because he had no experience of interrogation, he did not say anything concerning the actions of the interpreter Lum. He did not think that Lum could be said to have used force. "Though the action of Lum in hanging up a prisoner might be taken to mean that force was used, I saw until the end that he did this to show me how it was done because I had no experience in interrogation work," declared Tsubota.

After admitting that he had studied Cantonese and saying that Cantonese came to him naturally because he had a Chinese wife and children, Tsubota said that his knowledge of Cantonese did not permit of his carrying out interrogations without the aid of an interpreter.

## National Day Of Prayer

His Majesty the King has appointed that Sunday, July 6, should be observed as a national day of prayer and dedication to Almighty God in view of the tasks and duties which the nation is called to meet.

The same Sunday, being the fifth after Trinity, will also be observed as a day of Thankful Remembrance for the work of the Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy.

"The Churches in Hong Kong are making the necessary arrangements for the observance of the two occasions on that day."

soners, but anti-malarial pills, issued to the Kempital personnel, were given to prisoners suffering from malaria.

The cell block was very old and this, coupled with the climatic conditions, might have led to the prevalence of lice.

He said that nothing could be done about food, but in regard to medicine, application was made to the M.I. Room of the Kowloon District Gendarmarie. No medicine was ever issued.

Although parcels were prohibited, he closed his eyes to parcels being sent in to prisoners.

**Restiveness In Stanley**  
That offences inside Stanley Prison have been increasing was disclosed by Sub-Inspector Thompson before Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday when Ng Wah, 22, a prisoner, was charged with wounding another prisoner, Tsing Cho-sang.

Sub-Inspector Thompson said that the prison authorities asked for a serious view of the case. Ng was sentenced to six months' hard labour for the offence, following termination of his present jail term of eight months.

At 10.46 a.m. on June 16, Si Thompson said, when prisoners were assembled near the cook house for canteen, Ng stabbed Tsang in the back with a home made dagger.

Prison Officer Robertson arrested Ng.

**Readers' Letters**  
Star Ferry Arrangements  
Sir,—Numerous letters have appeared in the local press with complaints of the ferry service in its arrangements of embarkation and disembarkation.

The complaints are justified, and without going into any further examination one readily sees that our ferry is out of date and therefore it is most important that the Government should take steps to notify the Star Ferry Co. to modernise our ferry service.

The running itself of the ferries is handled most efficiently and cannot be questioned, and I give full credit to the Company for their capable management in this respect of one of the main and important public conveyance.

The current system of clearing passengers is outdated and so it is imperative to make amendments to conform with the present need. For the better comfort and convenience of the public, this matter should be attended to without delay.

Many I suggest that it would be necessary to have two more piers on the Hong Kong side in a way that into these, two ferries would be able to run in and from which the passengers can simultaneously disembark and embark and thus eliminate the congestion and discomfort of the passengers at the pier and afford them also the facility of having a ferry at an interval of only 2 to 3 minutes which will speed up the travelling across the harbour. The cost of erecting the new piers would be very little and the shareholders would not be deprived of their benefits as with the completion of these piers, a much faster running service will be attained with the advantage also of being able to accommodate many times the number of the present passengers who would gladly make use of

**Sanitation**  
Nakayama was responsible for all sanitary arrangements at the Tsun Wan Gendarmarie. He admitted that the sanitary conditions at the Tsun Wan Gendarmarie were not as clean as those at Stanley Prison, where he had been detained for the last two years.

He now understood the feelings of prisoners at the Tsun Wan Gendarmarie who were dissatisfied in regard to food, because he was experiencing the same conditions himself in Stanley.

Tsubota admitted seeing detainees at the Tsun Wan Gendarmarie catching lice from their clothing.

In answer to a question by the President, Tsubota said that if the Prosecuting Officer were to strike him with a flogging stick, he would consider such an act as "the use of force."

The Court then adjourned till 9 a.m. today, when a visit will be paid to the Tsun Wan Police Station.

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## Hong Kong Industry Discussed

Representatives of Hong Kong's leading industries were guests of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Mr. D.M. MacDonnell, at a reception in Government House yesterday afternoon during which views were freely exchanged on the current industrial situation of the Colony.

Among the guests were the two Honorary Advisers to the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry, Messrs. Kwong Kut-long and Lo Heung-hoi.

The industries were represented by Messrs. C.L. Hsu and Shum Chai-wah (Chinese Manufacturers' Union), Ng Yue-kwong (Textile Manufacturers' Association), Ma Tak-ming (Hong Kong Cloth Manufacturers' Association), Ngai Shiu-hung (Dyeing Section of the Chinese Manufacturers' Union), Yuen Shiu-foon and Lau Koon-kau (Chinese Textile Mills Association), U Tat Chee and Ip Ping-chau (Hong Kong Preserved Ginger Distributors), Haking Wong (Hong Kong Rubber Factory), and Irwin Yee and Wong Cho-man (Hong Kong Rubber Industrial and Commercial Association).

The industrialists were accompanied by Mr. J.J. Cowperthwaite, Acting Director of the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry, and Messrs. J.A. Galvin, S.M. Courtney and T.H. Hutchinson, of the Trade and Industry Section of the S.T. and I.

Well-informed quarters, however, told the China Mail that the competent Allied powers, responsible for Japan's present production, will see the Japanese industrialists are not allowed to revert to pre-war practices of price-cutting and that they will try to maintain price standards initially set by SCAAP.

Meanwhile, local textile concerns which have been exporting for the past 18 months to Siam, Malaya and through Singapore to the Netherlands East Indies, are greatly disturbed by the large quantities of Japanese textiles, which have been ordered by governments in the South Sea areas.

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The same newspaper quoted rumours of a devaluation of sterling, and of the issue of notes of the denomination of HK\$1,000. It is pointed out that nothing is known here of any devaluation of sterling and that the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank does not contemplate the issue of any \$1,000 notes.

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Accused pleaded that he and the girl were in love and that the girl went to him of her own accord. He was not aware of the fact that her parents objected to the girl staying with him, he said.

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On that occasion the fine was \$50 or 14 days.

Inspector Hill prosecuted for the Police.

**Lost Luggage**  
Sir,—I shall be very much obliged if you could inform through your esteemed paper Mr. A. Brustad that we have accidentally taken along his bag, which apparently was tied by mistake to our lot, when we claimed our luggage the following day of our arrival here by the Empress of Scotland.

The bag is presently at No. 31, Nam Kok Road, Kowloon City, and we look forward to Mr. Brustad calling for it.

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## H.K. Fears Jap Competition

Japan's forthcoming re-entry into the world's textile markets and the policy that the country will adopt when private trade resumes on August 15 is one of the main worries of local piecegoods manufacturers, sources close to Hong Kong's weaving industry, disclosed to the "China Mail" last night.

Anxiety has been caused, these sources said, by the knowledge that Japan's current textile production of 14,000,000 yards monthly was not being sold out. A large portion was being piled up.

The question being discussed is whether Japan will dump textile stock piles on overseas markets when trade resumes on August 15 at low prices or will the United States authorities, who incidentally, allowed Japan to over-produce, order the release of the stored up piecegoods for Japan's internal consumption and thus avert disastrous price-cutting competition.

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# Conflict Of Ordinances?

## Argument In Case Involving Closure Order

### NOT READY TO ESTIMATE

Washington, June 19. Admiral Louis Denfeld, U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander, said today that the Russians were operating a "considerable number of submarines" in the North Pacific. Admiral Denfeld told a news conference he did not care to estimate just how many ships the Russians were using in the Pacific. He did say, however, that there were also "some" Soviet destroyers and smaller craft in Pacific waters.—United Press.

### Gold Price Drops

Gold changed course yesterday and headed downwards after its recent spectacular spurt. Opening at \$288.50 a troy ounce, it fell to \$282.50, and was only a little better at \$283.50 at the close, with the undertone weak.

Pinstripes on the other hand improved, and after opening at \$10.60 a 100 went up to \$11.02. At the close they were easier at \$10.96.

Chinese National Currency was quiet to steady, with rates closing at 11 1/2 cents for futures and 10 1/2 cents for spot (for CN\$1,000).

U.S. dollars were easier at \$4.70. Sterling improved to \$13.50, while Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.52.

### "Moonshine" Liquor

When RO Fowler raided an unnumbered hut in Kai Hom Village, Sai Kung, on June 19 he found Tsang Fuk, 44, farmer, on the premises with 12 gallons of fermenting material and 12 gallons of Chinese wine. On being questioned, Tsang brought the Revenue Officer to a cave nearby where an illicit still and another 18 gallons of mash (sufficient for manufacturing five gallons of wine) were discovered.

On Tsang appearing before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, RO Paulie asked his Worship to take a serious view of the case as a large quantity of "moonshine" liquor had found its way into the market.

Tsang was fined \$400 for possessing the still, \$100 for having 30 gallons of mash, and had his paraphernalia (including the 12 gallons of liquor) confiscated. The alternative to the fines was five months' hard labour.

### Inspector's Case: Date Fixed

When William Henry Cowie, Sub-Inspector of the Hong Kong Police, appeared before Mr. W.H. Latimer on formal remand yesterday, Inspector J. Orem applied for a date to be fixed for hearing of the charge of accepting a \$50 bribe against accused.

Defendant, in reply to his Worship, stated that Mr. B.A. Bernacchi will be appearing for the defence. DSI J. Johnston of the Special Branch will prosecute when hearing commences on July 2.

The charge against Cowie is that of accepting a bribe of \$50 from one Chan Yu-tung at Yau-mai on June 5.

### Given Benefit Of Doubt

"Every honest and respectable citizen should immediately hand over anything he picks up to the police," remarked Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday when discharging Lau Yut-ming, 26, coolie, for larceny of a ladies' wrist watch by finding.

The Magistrate said that he gave Lau the benefit of the doubt. On June 10, a detective arrested Lau at Repulse Bay beach for possession of the watch. Lau admitted that he had picked it up on the beach.

Pleading not guilty, Lau said he knew the watch was lost by a European couple who often visited the beach and he had the intention of returning it.

## Not An Eviction Says Counsel

An appeal against a closure order made by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., against the tenants of No. 27 Jervois Street, was heard by the Full Court of Appeal consisting of Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, and Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge).

The case for the appellants, The Ah Man & Company, Building Contractors, was that the order was made under a Section of the Building Ordinance which had been suspended by an amendment by the Landlord and Tenant Proclamation.

At the Central Magistracy, the respondents, The Hong Kong Piece Goods Merchants Association, applied for an order when appellants would not leave the premises because of the desire of certain alterations to the premises which would result in the building being unsafe during the reconstruction.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, C. Castro and Mr. B.A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Sydney Ng Quinn, appeared for the appellants and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. F.H. Loseby, appeared for the respondents.

The sole point of appeal, said Mr. d'Almada, was that it was contended by the appellants that the powers given to the Magistrate to make a closure order under the Building Ordinance was suspended by an amendment to the Landlord and Tenant Proclamation.

### Lapsed Tenancy

The premises in question were held on a six months' tenancy which had lapsed, and at the end of the lease the Company remained as statutory tenants. They refused to quit when ordered to do so and rent was refused by the respondents though tendered.

Mr. d'Almada said that the Building Ordinance covered the case of the landlord who wished to rebuild certain premises and might come to Court for the order for its closure. It covered such cases as might arise these days of landlords wishing to pull down a perfectly safe but otherwise obsolete building to erect a modern building which could accommodate many more tenants.

There was no penalty that could be imposed if a landlord did not proceed with the work if he obtained such an order. Continuing, Mr. d'Almada said that one of the grounds under the Proclamation for the eviction of a tenant was when he used the premises for an immoral purpose or the premises were in a dangerous condition. The premises in question were not in a dangerous condition but they would be rendered so if reconstruction work were done.

### Only Equivalent

Mr. Bernacchi pointed out that in England the only equivalent acts to the Building Ordinance were the Housing and Town Planning Acts, that in these Acts, the Rent and Mortgage Restriction Acts were specifically exempt.

Mr. Bernacchi said that the only exceptional clauses in the Proclamation which exempted were the Women's and Girls' Ordinance and the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance.

For respondents, Mr. Potter said that a subsequent Ordinance did not repeal a previous one unless it did so expressly and quoted authorities in support.

He further argued that the Building Ordinance was drawn to enable alterations to be carried out and providing certain clauses to facilitate them. He contended that the closure order was not an eviction because where there were contractual rights the tenants might re-occupy the premises after repairs had been carried out.

Hearing was adjourned until Monday.

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### THE NAVY SPEAKS

Washington, June 19. Retired Rear-Admiral Ellis Mark Zacharias, hero of the U.S. Navy psychological war against Japan, told a House Committee today that President Truman's plan to merge the armed forces under a single Secretary of National Security would be more dangerous "than any possible enemy in the world."

He said every nation that ever doubted such a plan had gone down to defeat. He added that 99 per cent of naval men were against it.—United Press.

### An 8-Yr-Old Conductor

ROME, JUNE 20. BLOND, BLUE-EYED FERUCIO BURCO, AGED EIGHT YEARS, TWO MONTHS AND 14 DAYS, MADE HIS ROME DEBUT LAST NIGHT AS A CONDUCTOR.

He led the 80-piece Rome Opera House Orchestra through a moderately difficult six-number symphonic concert. By the end of the second number wild applause spread through the Opera House which was filled with about 1,000 persons. The intermission, after Rossini's William Tell Overture, brought the boy eight curtain calls.

He climaxed his performance with Wagner's Prelude to Die Meistersinger after which he was given another long ovation. He skipped onto the stage in a green Lord Fauntleroy suit and blew kisses in return for the applause.

The veteran orchestra, which played under Italy's other "boy genius" nine-year-old Pierino Gamba a year ago, agreed that Ferruccio's performance was excellent "after the first two numbers."—United Press.

## Extensive Hawker Swoops

Continuing the "clear the streets" campaign, police under Sub-Inspector Aitken carried out extensive raids on hawkers in the Central District, throughout Thursday.

Truck loads of hawkers were continuously brought into the Central Police Station compound and when the raids ended by afternoon a record total of 210 offenders had been rounded up.

With the exception of a number of juvenile hawkers, all the offenders were brought before Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday charged with causing obstructions or hawking without licenses.

Fines ranging from \$20 to \$100 were imposed while goods seized by the police were all confiscated. Inspector H. R. Brownrigg prosecuted.

## Soviet Broadside At Acheson

London, June 19. Radio Moscow today broadcast a "Pravda" article bitterly attacking the foreign policy speech made at an American university by Mr. Dean Acheson, retired deputy Secretary of State. The article described the Soviet Union as "one of the greatest powers in the world, whose sovereignty cannot be diminished by anyone, even with the thickest wad of dollars."

It said Mr. Acheson defended the United States "unbridled expansion screened by the fig leaf of the Truman Doctrine, which has liquidated without trace the former prestige of American foreign policy won by Franklin Roosevelt."

"Pravda" said Mr. Acheson was "inspired by a passionate desire to present in the light of the culprit in all or nearly all international complications—the Soviet Union."

It said Mr. Acheson considered American wartime shipments to Russia as a "financial and political investment which would allow American imperialism to influence Soviet policy or perhaps even given them the right to dictate to the Soviet Union how the latter should behave itself."

Wot, Never? Referring to Mr. Acheson's charges of Soviet interference in Eastern Europe, "Pravda" said Russia "never meddles in the internal affairs of other states."

In not one of the states of Eastern Europe liberated by the Soviet troops from the Hitlerite yoke has the Communist regime been established. All these states are ready to maintain close economic relations, not only with the Soviet Union but also with all other countries, not excluding the United States.

It said Mr. Acheson was not "even ashamed to repeat a silly little lie" about Russia support-

## Getting Back Is The Snag

Washington, June 19. A U.S. Army ordnance expert said today that it would be possible for man to travel 3,600 miles an hour in a V-2 rocket and live—if there was some way of getting him back to earth safely. Lieutenant Colonel J. G. Bain, of the Guided Missiles Branch, U.S. Army Ordnance, said the speed of rockets being fired periodically at White Sands, New Mexico, proving ground would not kill a man.

He said the chances are that with proper protection a human being also could survive the 114-mile altitude which the rockets achieve. But the problem, he said, would be for the man to escape from the rocket before it struck the earth. The V-2 travels at a speed of 2,000 miles an hour, exploding in the earth and destroying itself.

Colonel Bain said fruit-flies enclosed in the warheads of projectiles have lived through the experience. A Chicago scientist at present is experimenting with a batch of flies who made such a trip to see if it had any ill effects on them.

If a man were discharged from a rocket at an altitude of 14 miles he would be killed instantly by lack of oxygen and extreme pressure. One possible solution would be to enclose him in a capsule attached to a parachute which open when the capsule was released from the rocket.

Several Offers Colonel Bain said the U.S. Army Ordnance has already received several offers from volunteers to be the first passenger aboard a rocket.

A New York City man told Bain he would hold himself in readiness but was advised the Army had no immediate plan to send a man up in a rocket.

Among those offering to ride in a V-2 were two Royal Canadian Air Force pilots and a man who asked for the job of taking tickets on the first flight to the moon.—United Press.

### R.N. VISIT TO BLACK SEA

Moscow, June 19. A British naval squadron is to sail through the Dardanelles on a visit to the Soviet Black Sea fleet next month to coincide with the Soviet Red Navy Day on July 27.

The squadron will consist of picked units of the Home Fleet who will be making the first visit of British warships to the Black Sea for many years. They will pay a number of courtesy visits on the way, probably including Greek and Turkish ports.—Reuter.

## Portugal Honours U.S. Attache

Lisbon, June 19. The United States Air Attache, Col. Gene Guggins Tibbets, was decorated today with the Grand Officership of the Military Order of Aviz by the War Secretary Col. Santos Costa, acting for the President Marshal Carmona.

The citation referred to Col. Tibbets' wartime negotiations at the Azores air base, and the hospitality which he had arranged for the Portuguese air missions visiting the United States.

The Order of Aviz is the Portuguese 13th Century branch of the Knights Order of Calatrava.—Reuter.

## Illicit Mine Activity

Four Chinese males and two women appeared before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday charged with the larceny of a quantity of wolfram ore from No. 2 Mine Needle Hill near Shing Mun on June 10.

SI Roberts informed the Court that the men were "very slippery customers and exceedingly hard to catch" as, on the approach of the Police party at 11.15 a.m., they burrowed into the tunnels, and it was not until late in the afternoon that Li Wong, the first accused, was caught.

Sentence of one year's hard labour each was passed on Li Wong, Lai Tai, Mok Sam and Wong Kau, while the two women were discharged with a caution.

### INOCULATIONS

For the convenience of Kowloon residents, the Port Health Office will open an Inoculation Centre at the Tsim Sha Tsui Health Centre Building, Nathan Road, from Monday, June 23. The Medical Officer and Inoculation Centre at the Kowloon Canton Railway Station, Yau Ma Tei, will be closed as from the same date.

## Anthony Brooke Snubbed

Singapore, June 19.

The Singapore Director of Telecommunications today rejected an application by Mr. Anthony Brooke, former Rajah Muda (their apparent) of Sarawak, for a licence to operate a small transmitting station on the grounds that "it is not the policy of the Government to make provision for broadcasting services which are not publicly owned and operated."

Mr. Brooke commented: "I was not aware that broadcasting stations in this country—one is controlled by the Foreign Office and the other by the Colonial Office—were publicly owned and operated."

Mr. Brooke, who is the 34-year-old nephew of the former "White Rajah" of Sarawak, was forbidden by the Sarawak Government last December to enter Sarawak, which was ceded to the British Crown on July 1, 1946.

He arrived in Singapore from Hong Kong on January 1 this year.—Reuter.

## Princess "Suitor" Back Home

New York, June 20. The American who travelled to England with the avowed intention of marrying Princess Elizabeth, arrived back in New York by air Thursday after the British authorities had refused to admit him to the country.

Albert Lange, the bachelor dreamer of North Arlington, New Jersey, said he went to England to marry a dream—Princess Elizabeth.

"Ever since the Princess was five, I have seen her in my dreams," he said. But when he told the British immigration authorities why he had arrived in England, they refused permission to enter, telling him (he said) "you are undesirable."—Associated Press.

### OPIUM DENS RAIDED

A fine of \$176 (or two months' hard labour) was imposed on Chu Wing when he admitted keeping 432 Reclamation Street, first floor, as an opium den, and possession of 1.2 mace of prepared opium on June 10. The five smokers found on the premises were fined \$20 each.

With a previous conviction for a similar offence, Wong Yau was fined \$320 (or two months' hard labour) for keeping an opium den at 7 Fife Street, first floor, and for being in possession of one ounce of prepared opium on June 10.

Of the nine smokers arrested, six were fined \$15 each and the other three (detainees) \$10 each. SI Walter Collins, prosecuting in both cases, applied for notice of conviction to be sent to the landlords.

### SONGSTRESS FINED

Sun Chi-hing, the popular Chinese songstress who was the victim of a vitriol-thrower some time ago, was fined \$48 by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when she admitted bringing 18 letters into the Colony on June 10.

Tang Sang was mulcted in the sum of \$30 for conveying 10 letters, while Liu Shau-kui had bail of \$20 extorted on failure to appear in Court.

All the defendants, said Inspector J. Orem, were arrested at the K.C.R. Station.

### K.C.R. MYSTERY

Recognised by one of the passengers as that of a man who climbed on board at Shumchun, the body of a Chinese, aged about 32 years, dressed in khaki shirt and trousers and wearing rubber shoes, was discovered on the roof of a K.C.R. carriage when the last train from Canton arrived at Kowloon on Thursday.

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## HUNGARIAN ENVOY DISAPPEARS

Prague, June 19. M. Rozthy Forbach, the Hungarian representative in Prague who resigned during the Hungarian political crisis, has refused to return to Budapest and has "disappeared."

The Hungarian Legation officials said they had no idea where he was. Reports yesterday said that he had gone to Switzerland.—Reuter.

## EXECUTION OF TRAITOR

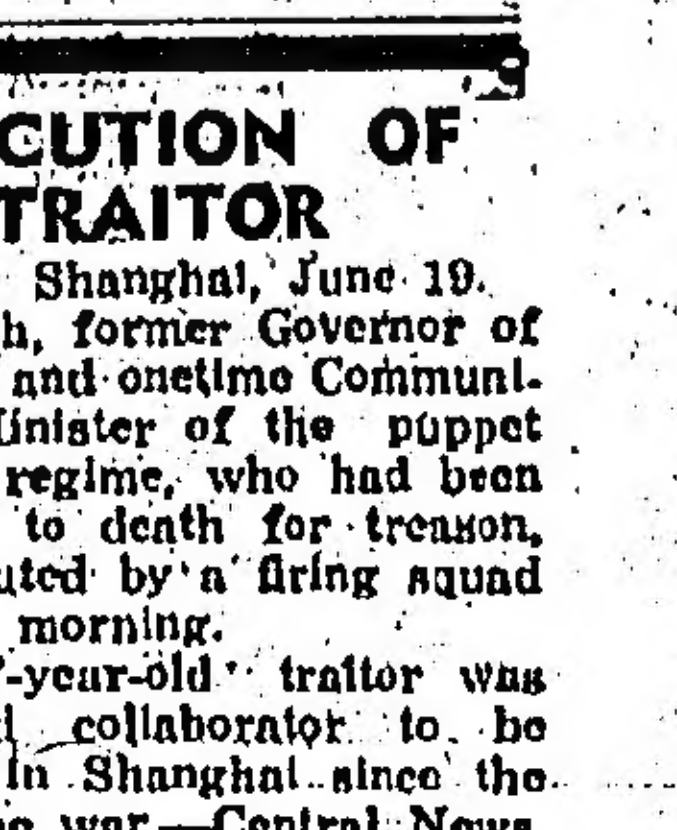
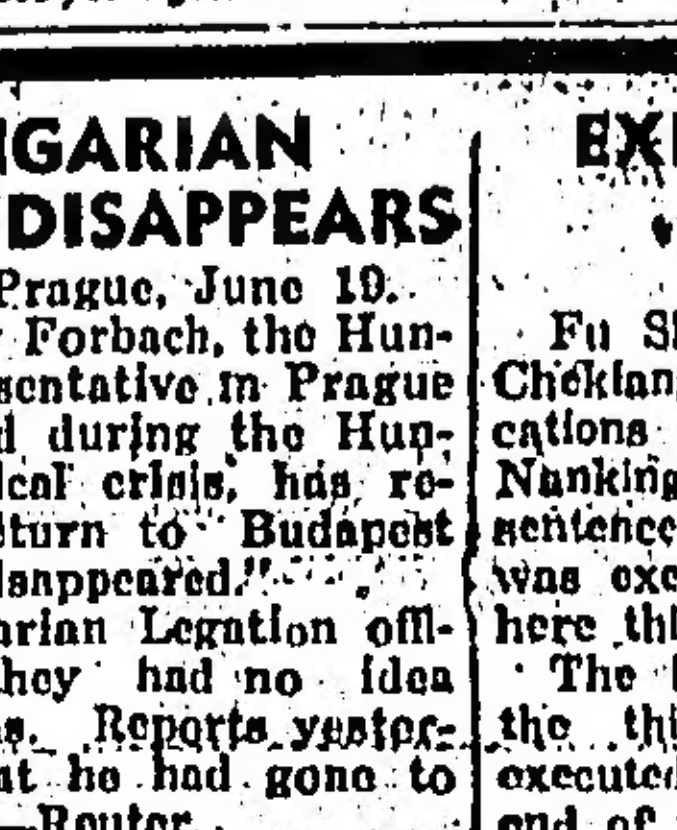
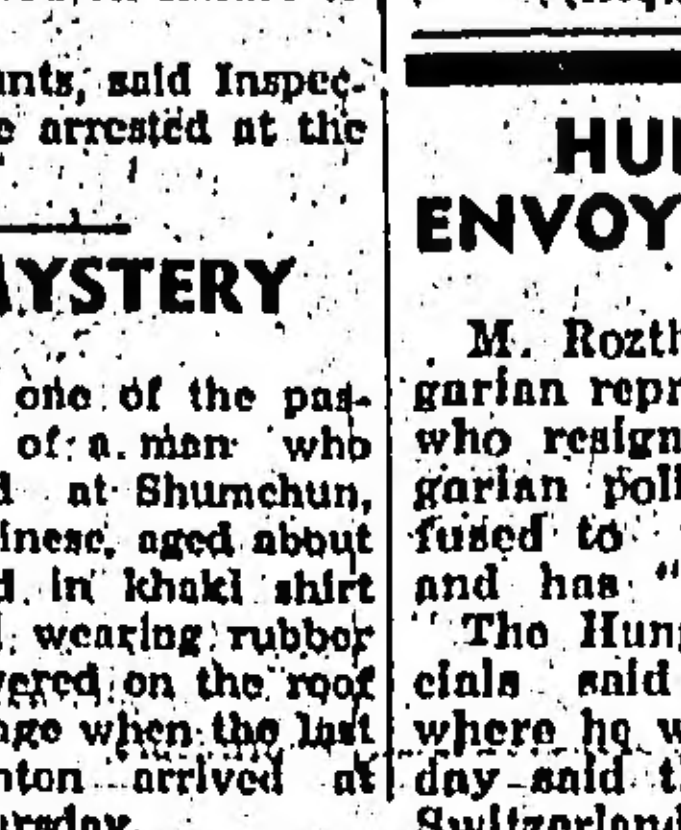
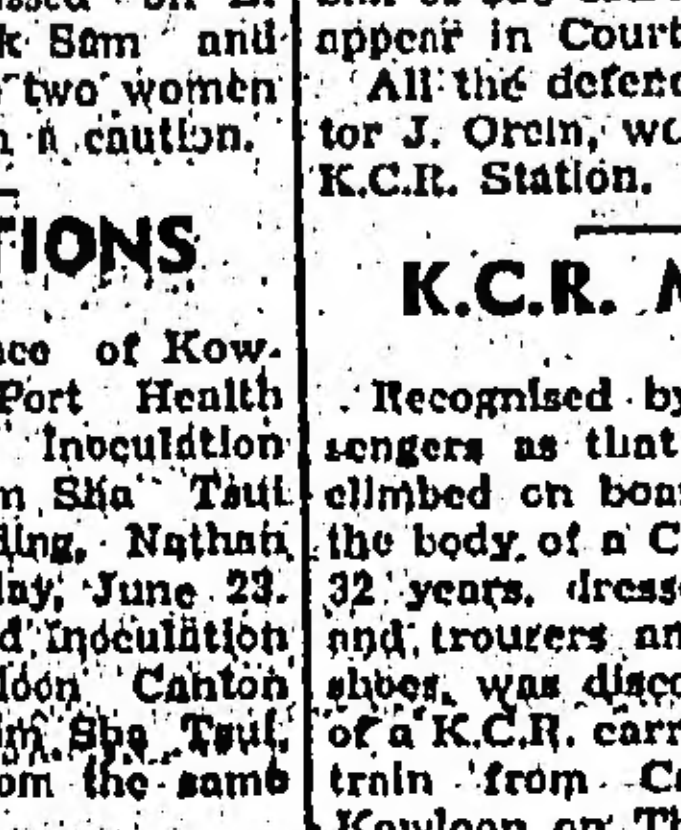
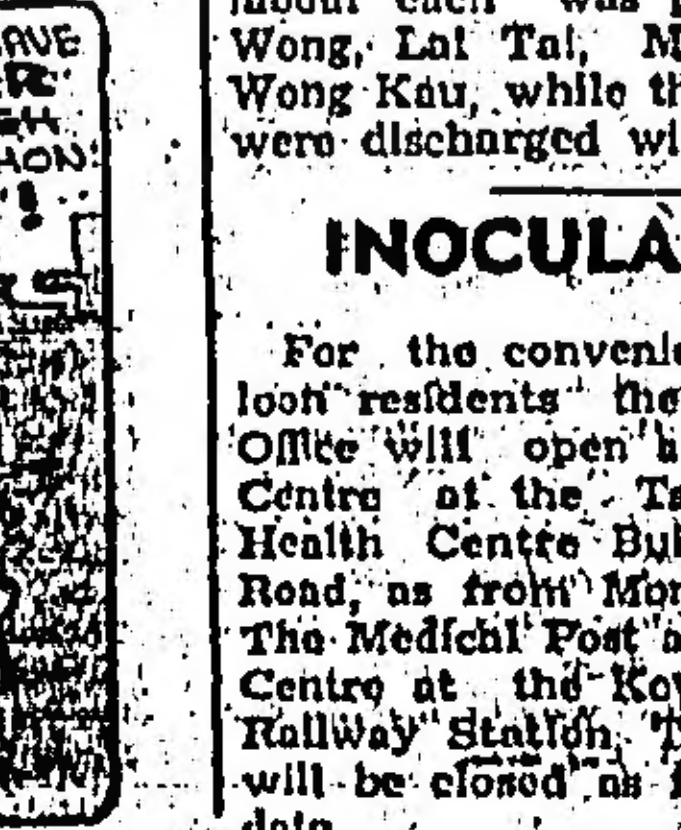
Shanghai, June 19. Fu Shih, former Governor of Chekiang and onetime Communications Minister of the puppet Nanking regime, who had been sentenced to death for treason, was executed by a firing squad here this morning.

The 57-year-old traitor was the third collaborator to be executed in Shanghai since the end of the war.—Central News.

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will be run at the above Meet-  
ing can now be obtained at the  
Office of the Treasurer, 1st  
Floor, Exchange Building, and  
also at the Branch Office in  
Nathan Road, Kowloon.

By Order

S. A. SLEAP  
A/cg. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 21st June 1947.

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Warrants should be made either  
personally or by letter to the  
Registered Office of the Com-  
pany, P. & O. Building, 4th  
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The Register of Transfers of  
the Company will be closed from  
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days inclusive.

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the Forty-seventh Ordinary  
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holders in the Company will be  
held at the Company's Office,  
Windsor House, Mezzanine  
Floor, on Thursday 26th June,  
1947, at 11 a.m. for the pur-  
pose of receiving the Report of  
the Directors together with  
Statement of Accounts for the  
year ended 31st December,  
1946, to sanction the declara-  
tion of a Dividend and Bonus  
and to re-elect Directors and  
Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the  
Company will be closed from  
12th to 20th June, 1947, both  
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of  
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J. D. THOMSON  
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Hong Kong, 2nd June, 1947.

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The Hong Kong War Memorial Fund Committee is now pre-  
pared to receive applications for assistance, where there is need  
of such assistance, from the following categories of persons:

- Widows of children of persons who, between 7th December, 1941 and 25th December, 1941, served in any of the Organizations listed in the Schedule below, and who were killed in action or died from wounds received therein; or who, having been captured by the enemy, were killed or died in captivity; or who died as a result of illness contracted whilst on service, or in captivity.
- Persons who, between 7th December, 1941 and 25th December, 1941, served in any of the Organizations listed in the Schedule below who, by reason of wounds received in action or hardships sustained in captivity, are incapacitated from earning a living.
- Widows or children of any persons whose occupation and who by reason thereof died, or who were executed by the enemy.
- Any persons whose occupation and by reason thereof were incapacitated from earning a living.

### SCHEDULE.

(Note: This is applicable only to applications made under A & B above.)

- Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force.
- Hong Kong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.
- Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and the Auxiliary and Affiliated Units thereof.
- Hong Kong Corps of Air Raid Wardens.
- Hong Kong Police Reserve.
- Hong Kong Civil Defence Corps, as specified hereunder:

Auxiliary Communications Service.  
" Conservancy Corps.  
" Fire Service.  
" Labor Corps.  
" Medical Corps.  
" Ordnance Corps.  
" Quartering Corps.  
" Supply Corps.  
" Transport Service.  
Civil Pay and Accounts Service.  
Public Works Corps.  
Auxiliary Rescue and Demolition Corps

Applications or enquiries for information should be addressed  
to the Secretary, Hong Kong War Memorial Fund, Secretariat  
for Chinese Affairs, Fire Brigade Building.

Hong Kong, 16th June, 1947.

## London Lionising Senora Peron

London, June 20.  
Two of Britain's press chiefs,  
Lord Rothermere, publisher of  
the "Daily Mail", and Lord  
Kemsley of the Kemsley group  
of newspapers, have extended  
invitations for Senora Evon de  
Peron to attend receptions they  
and their ladies want to give  
during her much publicized  
four-day stay in England.

The invitations were sent to  
the Argentine Embassy where  
other suggestions for entertain-  
ing the visitor are waiting a  
final decision by Senora Peron  
herself.

Lord Strabolgi has already  
announced that he would like  
the Argentine President's wife,  
whom he met in Buenos Aires  
last year, to attend a party in  
the House of Lords.

A spokesman for the Foreign  
Office, which did not relish some  
of the plentiful newspaper  
stories about the visit, said  
Thursday that a definite list of  
official engagements would be  
issued.

The London Press kept com-  
paratively quiet Thursday on  
Senora Peron's visit to Spain  
and her plans for her stay,  
after almost a week of uninter-  
rupted giving her prominent  
space on front and inside pages.  
—Associated Press.

Washington, June 19.  
President Truman today  
appointed the United States  
Ambassador to Turkey, Mr.  
Edwin Wilson, to serve concur-  
rently as chief of the United  
States Aid Mission to Turkey.  
—Reuter.

# RUSSIAN SUSPICIONS Anglo-French Invitation To Talks Marshall Plan For Europe

London, June 19.  
Russia suspiciously questioned the motives behind the Anglo-French invitation to a conference on European reconstruction today, but at the same time permitted a dispatch from Moscow of hints that Foreign Minister Molotov would accept.

Mr. Bevin flew back from Paris and went directly to No. 10 Downing Street to report to the Prime Minister and Cabinet on his two-day conference with Foreign Minister Bidault of France.

The big question emerging from the Paris session was whether the Russians would come in on the planning of an assistance programme for which U.S. Secretary of State Marshall had asked. The tone of dispatches passed by Moscow censorship was that M. Molotov had at least given some encouragement to the British and French envoys feeling out sentiment in Moscow.

Moscow Radio, however, broadcast an official Tass news agency dispatch charging that the intent of the Paris discussions was "far from that of securing lasting, fruitful and peaceful collaboration among great and small nations of the European continent."

Tass added: "One cannot rid oneself of an impression that the negotiations are nothing but an attempt to reach an agreement behind the back of the Soviet Union and other European countries."

The Agency's dispatch from Paris quoted the newspaper, "Combat" of Paris as saying that Britain was more interested in the fate of Germany "or, more precisely, the Ruhr" during the Paris talks.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Evening News" says Russia will decide the matter within 48 hours, and forecasts acceptance by M. Molotov. In that case, the correspondent said, he would bring to the conference a Soviet counter-proposal to the Marshall plan.

This would propose a European recovery plan, not under American auspices but worked out through the United Nations Commission for Europe.

—United Press.

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of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian  
Churches on Sunday, June 22, is:  
"The Universe, Including Man, Evolved  
by Atomic Force." The Golden Text:  
Hebrews 1:10, "Thou, Lord, in the begin-  
ning hast laid the foundation of the  
earth; and the heavens are the works of  
thine hands." Responsive Reading: Job  
38:1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 32, 33, 42:1, 2.

Wednesday Testimony meeting 6 p.m.  
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auspices of the Presbyterian, Methodist,  
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come.

UNION CHURCH  
On Sunday, June 22, in the Garrison  
School, Garden Road, at 10.30 a.m.  
Preacher the Rev. W. G. Dean, M.A.

Members are requested to note that as  
from Sunday, the Sunday morning ser-  
vices will be held in the Garrison School,  
the entrance to which is through the car  
park at the lower Peak tram station, and  
across the bridge.

At 6.30 p.m. there will be a United  
Free Churches Service in the Methodist  
Church, Wanchai.

On Wednesday, June 25, there will be  
a meeting of the Ladies Committee at  
5.30 p.m. in the Helena May Institute.  
THE CHINESE CHRISTIAN AND  
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School, Cumberland Road.)

Sunday, June 22, 1947, Sunday Services  
9.30 a.m. Sunday School, Superintendent  
Mr. Yau Yuk-ling. Cantonese classes  
for all ages. English class for juniors.  
Child Evangelism. Flannelgraph lessons  
given by Mrs. John Bechler.

10 a.m. Divine Worship Service in Eng-  
lish. Preacher: The Rev. John Bechler,  
Advisory Pastor. Subject: "The Rock of  
Ages." Scripture reading: Deuteronomy  
32:1-5. "And that Rock was Christ."  
1 Corinthians 10:4.

11 a.m. Cantonese Worship Service. Mr.  
Yuk-ling in charge.

Saturday afternoon, June 28, 4 p.m. at  
the Kowloon Tong School, Sunday School  
Choir practice.

METHODIST  
At the English Methodist Church,  
Garden Road, Kowloon.

Sunday, June 22, 1947: 10.30 a.m.  
Morning Service conducted by Rev. J. K.  
Sandbach. Children's Sunday School will  
be held in the Vestry during the Service.  
10.45 a.m. Sunday School. Superintendent  
Mr. Yau Yuk-ling. Cantonese classes  
for all ages. English class for juniors.  
Child Evangelism. Flannelgraph lessons  
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## TOFF ON A MOTORBIKE

Accot, June 19.  
An unidentified man,  
tenaciously clinging to the  
tradition that the Ancestral  
race meet in "dreamy" despite  
British petrol rationing, to-  
day sped through the streets  
on a small motorbike with his  
grey topper ducked into the  
breeze, his smart morning  
coat tails flying, and his  
knife-edged striped trousers  
clipped tight around his  
ankles.—Reuter.

## Call For New Birth Of Freedom

Geneva, June 19.  
Britain's Sir Guillaume Myrdin-Evans, Deputy  
Secretary to the Ministry of Labour and chair-  
man of the International Labour Organization  
governing body, opened the International La-  
bour Conference here today with a call for  
freedom based on Abraham Lincoln's Gettys-  
burg speech.

Asserting that there was not  
as much freedom today as when  
the ILO met nine months ago  
at Montreal, Sir Guillaume said  
he hoped Lincoln's words could  
be applied to the ILO "so that  
this organ can call on the peo-  
ples of the earth to resolve that  
millions of dead shall not have  
died in vain and that this earth  
shall have a new birth of free-  
dom."

The newly-elected president of  
the conference, Karl Joachim  
Hambrø, said: "We are meet-  
ing when the world is very far  
from a feeling of security and  
is further removed than ever  
from freedom from want and  
fear."

Precious Freedom  
Sir Guillaume urged some 350  
representatives of governments  
and employers and workers' or-  
ganizations from some 50 coun-  
tries to work for the new birth  
of freedom of the person "as  
one of the most precious of all  
freedoms and one of the most  
difficult to achieve and hold."

Latin American countries are  
attending the conference in  
great strength. The Argentine  
delegation appears the largest  
of the Latin Americans and  
Ecuador the smallest.—United  
Press.

## Roosevelt Opinion Of Wallace

New York, June 19.  
James A. Farley, former  
Postmaster-General, in the  
second of a series of articles in  
"Collier's" Magazine, said the  
late President Roosevelt in 1938  
opposed Henry A. Wallace as a  
future presidential candidate  
because "you never know what  
Henry will do."

He quoted the late President  
as saying he would prefer  
former Secretary of Interior Har-  
old Ickes to Wallace.

Mr. Farley stated that in a  
conversation on April 12, 1938  
Mr. Roosevelt said: "Henry  
would like to run for president.  
However, I would rather have a  
fellow like Ickes who at least is  
in mind. But you never know what  
Henry will do. He is in favour  
of one thing today and some-  
thing entirely different tomor-  
row."—United Press.

SIR J. JEFFERY  
DEAD  
London, June 19.  
The death was announced to-  
day of Sir John Jeffery, the  
former permanent Under-Secre-  
tary of State for Scotland. He  
was 76 years old.

Sir John had held many of-  
fices concerned with Scottish  
affairs, chiefly with the Public  
Health Services, before rising  
in 1933 to be the Senior Civil  
Servant in the Scottish Depart-  
ment.—Reuter.

## Drama Of Leopold's Fateful Decision

Brussels, June 19.  
The "White Paper" on King Leopold of the Bel-  
gians, issued in Brussels tonight, rejects as  
"entirely false" allegations that the King sur-  
rendered in 1940 without warning his British  
and French allies.

A synopsis of the "White Paper" of the committee  
of eight set up by King Leopold to investigate  
the charges against his conduct and policy in  
1940 was issued tonight.

The report stressed that Bel-  
gium's pre-war policy of neu-  
trality was fully approved by M.  
Spaak, the Socialist Foreign  
Minister, and was ratified by  
the Belgian Parliament only three  
weeks before the invasion in  
1940.

The appended documents con-  
tain a condensed report of King  
Leopold's conversation with the  
late Admiral Lord Roger Keyes,  
British attaché at the King's  
Headquarters, on May 27, 1940.  
The King had a telephone talk  
with Mr. Winston Churchill, Ad-  
miral Keyes urged him to go with  
him to England, but the King  
preferred to stay with his people,  
the documents said.

The King said that he believed  
that French resistance would end  
within a fortnight and asked Ad-  
miral Keyes what England would  
do.

"You Will Win"  
The Admiral replied: "We will  
continue to fight." King Leopold  
replied: "I am certain of that."  
You will win, but not without  
going through a hell of a time.

Whereupon Queen Elizabeth,  
placing her hand on the King's  
shoulder, injected by saying: "It  
will be hell, but England will not  
perish."

Admiral Keyes returned to  
England with a personal letter  
from King Leopold for King  
George.—Reuter.

## Kidnapping Case In Palestine

Jerusalem, June 19.  
The Public Information Of-  
fice today denied that three  
witnesses to the kidnapping of  
a Jewish youth picked a British  
officer as the kidnapper in an  
identification parade.

"Attention is drawn to the  
fact that the case is sub judice  
and restraint must be used in  
connection with it," an Office  
note to correspondents said.

Earlier reports said witnesses  
had picked Major R. A. Farran  
as the man who allegedly or-  
dered Alexander Rubovich to  
enter a car last month and drove  
him off. No trace of Rubovich  
was found but Farran was ar-  
rested by the Syrian authori-  
ties near Aleppo two weeks ago.

The Information Office said:  
"Farran is charged in connec-  
tion with the disappearance of  
Rubovich, but the general of-  
ficer in charge has elected that  
he will be dealt with under the  
Army Act," presumably mean-  
ing that he would be charged  
with leaving his post without  
authority.—United Press.

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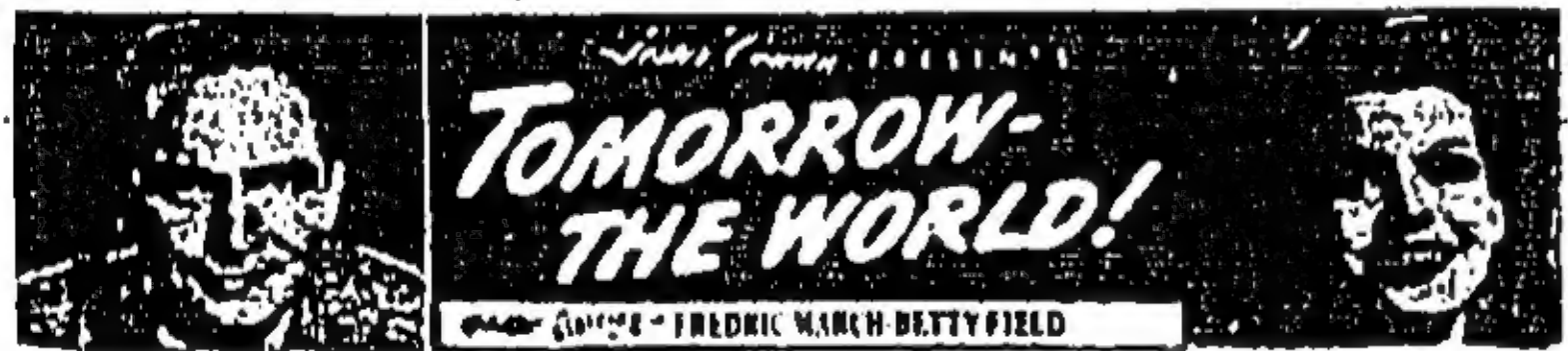
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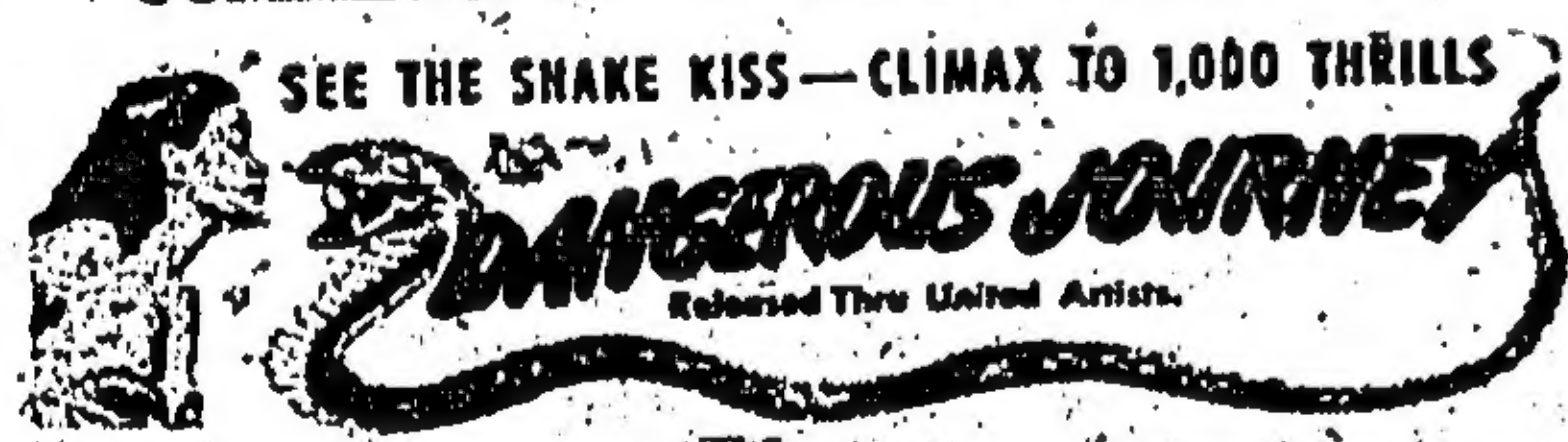


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## LABOUR'S HINT TO LORDS

### Holding Up Of Nationalisation

### Morrison Review Of Planning

London, June 19.  
Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, made it clear in a speech here tonight that the future constitutional policy of the Labour Government would depend on the reaction of the House of Lords to its nationalisation schemes.

Socialization, he said, had already won the approval of a big majority in the House of Commons. "We shall, in due course, see what is to be done about it by the House of Lords" — in which the Conservative Opposition majority has already dealt the Government a series of defeats on the Bill to nationalise inland transport.

Giving a general review of Socialist methods of planning legislation and administration, Mr. Morrison declared that the Labour Government had been the first to make an effort to organize its programme on the needs of the nation and "in accordance with a coherent political and economic philosophy."

The principal measures for the next session of Parliament — which will begin in October — were decided on some time ago, he said, and some of the legislative drafting had already begun.

"O.K. By Me"

Mr. Morrison said that if the controls and correctives considered necessary for the protection of the public could be evolved through voluntary agreements instead of legislation, "its O.K. by me."

"I am no opponent of healthy competition," he said. "Socialized industries must not be a happy hunting ground for the go-slows, for the underhands or for the people on the lookout for a Utopia of idleness."

Mr. Morrison added that legislation for the reorganization of the steel industry would not follow the exact pattern of the other nationalization bills. What was clear was that this basic industry must serve the economic needs of the nation and of the industries to which it supplied vital raw materials. — Reuter.

### Marshall Backs China Relief

Washington, June 20.  
Secretary of State George C. Marshall said, in supporting a campaign for China relief funds, that he is "personally and deeply concerned over the present situation in China."

He said in a telegram to the United Service to China Organization in New York that he hopes, through voluntarily private contributions, that "urgent" needed assistance can be rendered the suffering people of that country.

Marshall said the Chinese "need our help, the help that

## PARTITION WOULD MEAN WAR

Jerusalem, June 19.  
Jamal Hussein, acting chairman of the Arab Higher Committee in Palestine, said today that any plan to divide the Holy Land into separate Arab and Jewish states meant war.

He told the United Press, in an exclusive statement, that Palestine's 1,300,000 Arabs would fight such a partition plan "physically, economically and alone — and we do not seek any help from Soviet Russia. They are like the British in this sense."

Hussein, who looks more like a bank president than leader of Palestine's largest political party, said:

"Partitioning will mean a three-year Anglo-Arab war all over again and if America attempts to aid enforcement of partitioning, we will be forced to fight them too. We are only fighting for independence, which you fought for in 1776."

He said Palestine was not capable of supporting more than 2,000,000 in population at present.

"The Arab birthrate is now abnormally high and whatever space is possible to squeeze in to now must be left to our natural population increase."

"Ours For Centuries"

"We cannot be driven from a land which has been ours for centuries."

The Arab leader said his people and a limited number of Jews could live together peacefully in Palestine as they had for centuries, but cautioned: "We can never live together

with Jews of dual nationality who come here to exploit us and have political ambitions and a programme of domination."

He estimated that nearly 100,000 American troops would be required to guard American oil lines and properties in the Middle East if the United Nations approved partition.

"We do not have weapons or

### FILM STARS SALARIES

Philadelphia, June 19.  
Annual reports of film companies to the Securities Exchange Commission today disclosed that the Warner Brothers paid Joan Crawford \$400,000 last year. Paramount paid Bob Hope \$275,000, Bing Crosby \$250,000 and Ray Milland \$234,100. — United Press.

### London-Sydney Air Route

Singapore, June 19.  
A London-to-Sydney air service is planned for January next year, Mr. Hudson Fysh, Director of Quantas Empire Airways, said here today when he arrived on his way to Australia after conferences in London with BOAC officials.

"Constellations" will take off in both directions twice a week, and a test is to be made in October, he said.

It is hoped to cover the 11,655 miles between London and Sydney in between 80 and 90 hours of flying time, with overnight stops at Cairo and Singapore, Mr. Fysh said.

He added that it was up to the Government of Singapore to provide landing facilities for "Constellations" at Singapore, otherwise the new service might have to bypass the area. — Reuter.

has always come from Americans wholeheartedly and generously. — Associated Press.

## Briton Salutes Haganah Officer

Jerusalem, June 19.  
A British officer, for the first time in the history of the Palestine struggle, today gave an official and public salute to an officer of the Haganah organization.

The Haganah officer was Zeev Werber, who was killed yesterday in a mine explosion when the Haganah wrecked an attempt by underground extremists to tunnel under British Headquarters in Cyprus House.

The saluting Briton was Major R.E. Christie, who, without escort, followed Werber's coffin in a four-mile procession through Tel Aviv streets to the cemetery.

Some 20,000 mourners — fifty of them members of Werber's squad in "Palmach" (Haganah's striking force) — were in the procession. — United Press.

**Haganah Repudiation**

Forty thousand Jews, a fifth of the population of Tel Aviv, marched in the procession or watched the funeral.

Haganah today disclaimed that it cooperated with the police in felling the terrorist plan. It said that it would not collaborate with the Palestine Government while the White Paper restrictions continued but would, unaided, prevent extreme terrorism.

British troops yesterday found Werber dead in a newly-dug tunnel near the British Military Headquarters with a note pinned to his body, reading: "Haganah were here — we warn you not to carry on with your plot." — Reuter.

money to fight against our exploitation by the world's Jews," Hussein continued. "We have only our courage and the desire to protect our homeland. Those countries which are now crying out loudest and demanding a Jewish homeland in Palestine are the countries which have trampled on the Jews the most."

"Your own United States is making no effort to open its doors for the world's Jews. Yet most money financing illegal immigration to Palestine is American money." — United Press.

## Japanese Whaling Unpopular

Washington, June 20.  
A reliable Norwegian source said today that the Norwegian Embassy is in close contact with the State Department regarding General MacArthur's request for a further Japanese whaling expedition to the Antarctic on the grounds that a food emergency still existed in Japan.

The source said the Embassy fears that a favourable decision may be given by the United States Government despite the protests of Norway, Britain, Australia and New Zealand.

A United States official, while not denying this viewpoint, expects an official decision before the end of the week.

An Australian diplomatic source said there appears to be increasing evidence that there will be a unilateral decision by the United States to approve a second Japanese whaling expedition to the Antarctic. He said if such a decision is taken, it will be against the wishes of nearly every nation participating in Antarctic whaling.

He believed that even Russia

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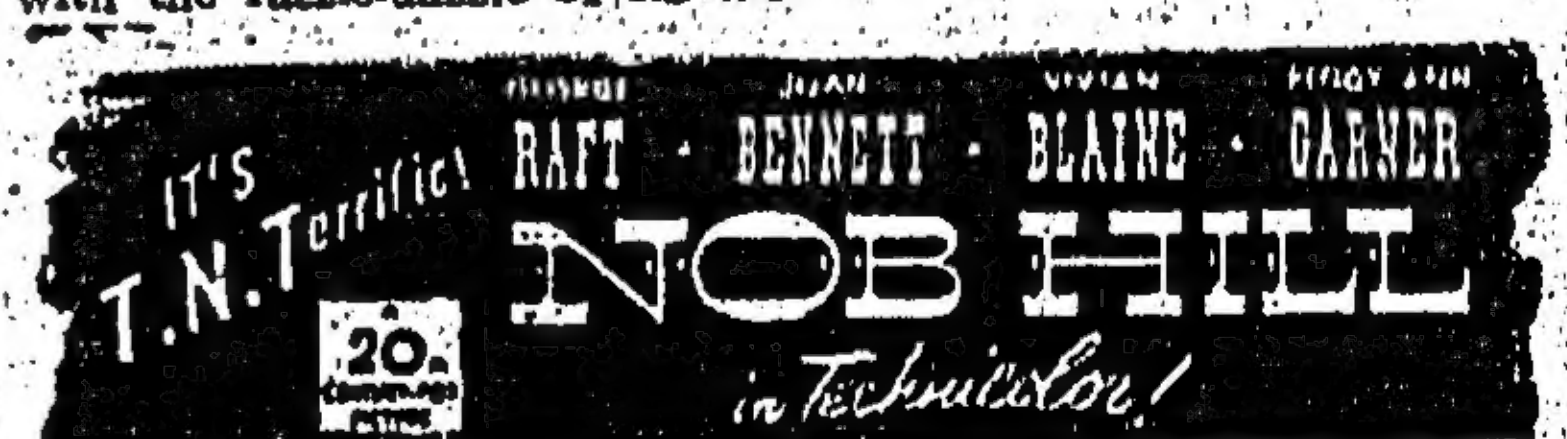
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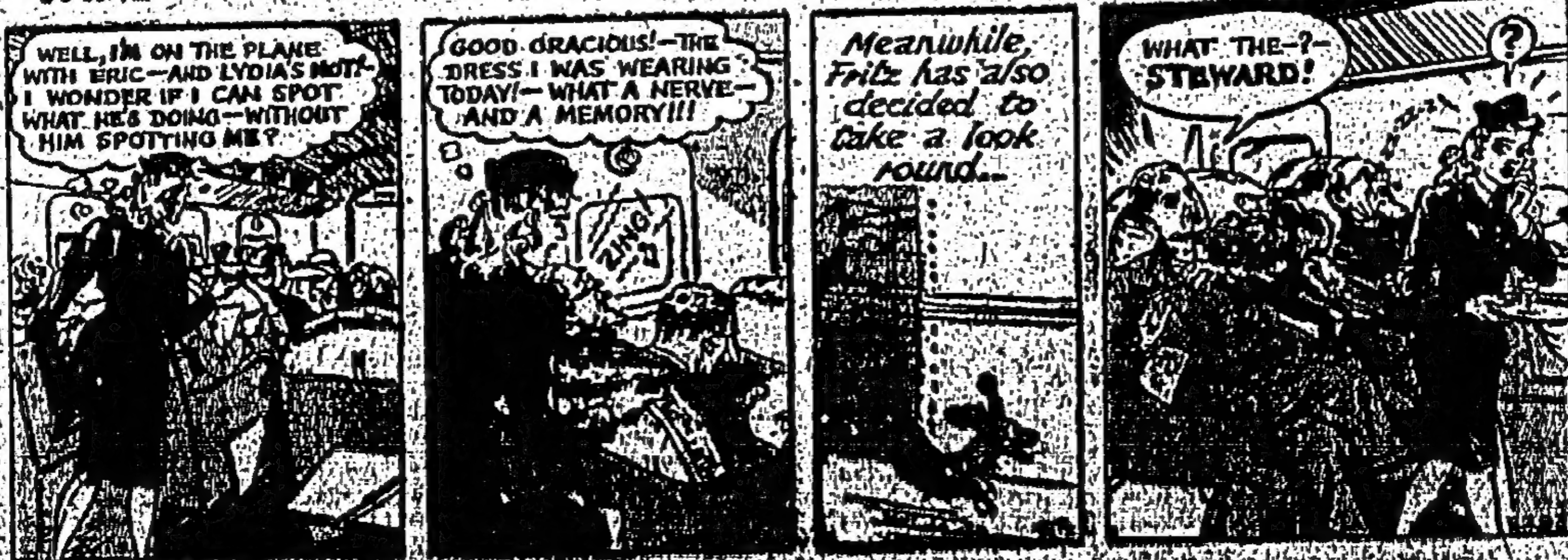
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### RE-HOUSING

The Government's latest statement on re-housing takes us no further. Broad generalisation never produced a house or part of a house, and it is houses that are needed not plausible explanations of why they cannot be had. No-one who has given reasonable and reasoning attention to the problem expects the performance of miracles, or will quarrel with the proposition that a quick solution is no more likely here than it is in other parts of the world. What the community does look for, however, is a sign that a start is intended. In the absence of a quick solution, it expects Government steadily to persevere, by direct action and by encouragement to private builders, in piecemeal contributions towards the final solution. Supply difficulties may prohibit the undertaking of large-scale housing schemes; then let us produce our houses one by one or two by two. Galvanised iron piping may be virtually impossible to obtain in appreciable quantities; then let us find a suitable substitute for galvanised iron piping. It may be five or more years before the essential materials begin to come forward in quantity sufficient to make large-scale planning a physical possibility; that does not require that we wait five years before we lay the first foundation stone. The weakness of the Government case lies in the phrase: "In view of the grievous housing conditions in which a large part of the community has at present to exist, Government would, in the last resort, consider itself becoming a landlord on a large scale." The key words are "in the last resort," for Government well knows that no inducement whatever has been held out to private enterprise to embark on the construction of new residential property, and that nothing will be done unless Government is prepared (a) to become a large-scale landlord or (b) to subsidise Government's attitude on these alternatives has never been anything but bitterly disappointing; and its failure in housing rehabilitation has stemmed from that fact mainly. It was apparent a year ago that a policy involving Government intervention on the scale required to produce results would receive no encouragement in high places; and that the patient work of the Building Advisory Committee was entirely wasted. On the point of subsidy, or rather one of the possible forms of subsidy, the provision of building land on special terms, the policy pursued has been precisely the reverse of the obvious. Instead of "giving away" land to prospective home-builders, upper prices have been set at the level of the wholly artificial boom in market values, sometimes four and five times over the accepted values of 1941. To question how Government squares this opportunistic exploitation of the gambles going on in this highly speculative field, with its professed desire to peg rents (and therefore property values) in relation to 1941, would be unnecessarily to digress from the main issue: we are interested solely in the establishment of the point that Government not only has failed to build houses for the community, but goes out of its way to make it too expensive for the small man to build one for himself. None of this is due to official failure to assess the acuteness of the need; or to be fully aware of the grave discontent of hotel-herded families with their conditions. Awareness makes failure the more reprehensible. Complications are many; that is generally accepted; and no-one expects everything to be produced in one day. But more facts add more figures, a little more frankness of official policy, more plans and fewer promises, are essential if this community is to be satisfied that Government has done and is doing its utmost to meet the most urgent need of the day.

Nine months ago the stock exchanges of the world were in a fever over the sensational discovery of gold at Odendaalsrust in the Orange Free State. Little has been heard since. CYRIL WATLING tells here the story of this little settlement which may one day rival Johannesburg. Meantime only a—

## Shabby Boom Town Covers Fabulous Gold

Little Odendaalsrust, lying above the world's richest reef of gold, is the shabbiest of all boom towns.

Nine months after the dramatic strike that made it glitter in the headlines, it still looks like a cluster of tin shanties on a windswept desert. Squat iron-roofed buildings huddle untidily along the dirt-track roads. It has no railway station, no electric light, no running water.

I went there hoping for visible evidence of how a modern Klondike begins grooming itself for the metropolitan future which the Free State goldfields may one day bring.

There was little new to see beyond a church hall converted into an estate agency, a garage which an ex-Serviceman is building, and a few city slickers mingling with the bearded farmers who stand in the shade of verandahs and solemnly discuss the crops and the drought.

Nothing hinted at the fabulous wealth which experts say lies beneath the soil. It was hard to connect this desolate settlement with the fever that swept through the world's stock exchanges on that April day last year when drillers found a core of gold with an assay of 23,037 inch-dwt.—a staggering strike when one thinks of mines of the Rand with 100 per cent. payability with only 800 dwts.

### Controls

Odendaalsrust's growth is retarded by the paralysis of post-war controls and shortages. Fewer than half-a-dozen permits for new buildings have been granted since the great Geduld discovery.

Drilling operations along the reef are similarly hampered. So scarce is machinery that one company has bought three British submarines and is now dismantling the engines for use as mining plant.

Shortage of unskilled labour is another problem. The Rand mines need another hundred thousand natives and the Free State will absorb thousands more. Much of this labour comes from Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland and Mozambique, and to speed up recruitment a fleet of flying boats, each carry-

ing fifty natives, will soon begin a shuttle service between the Zambesi basin and the Union's goldfields.

Of the dozen large-scale mines in which gold in payable quantities has been found, only one, miles out of Odendaalsrust, has begun to drive down its initial incline shaft.

The scene here is almost comic. Pumps and drills puff and clank, bare-shouldered workmen sweat in the hot winds from the Kalahari, and around the perimeter wild cats sit on their haunches and stare surprisedly at the noisy invasion.

So far it is the farmers and the landowners—not the gold-seekers—whose fortunes have boomed. Many of them have made, and lost, vast fortunes. Consider the case of Hendrik Weber, a former mayor. He owned a plot next to one he belonged to a cartage contractor. One day the contractor's motor lorry was burned out. Weber wanted the remnants of the lorry for spare parts. So he swapped his plot, then worth only a few pounds, for the derelict truck.

A year later the boom came and the contractor sold Weber's original site for £7000. There are many similar stories. Another building plot was sold at 9 a.m. for £8500; at 10 a.m. it was resold for £10,000. Two hours later it changed hands for the third time at £15,000.

Ten years ago a farm labourer exchanged a weed-covered reef for a suit of clothes. Today that reef is worth £6000. The only local licensed hotel, which five years ago was worth £5000, has fetched offers from the big Johannesburg syndicates up to £50,000—offers that have been kept.

### Prices Keep Up

In spite of market shake-outs, sharp declines in prices and official warnings against speculation, the price of land has not dropped.

Buyers remember that the whole area of the Witwatersrand gold deposits, valued at £10,000,000,000, could have been bought seventy years ago for £1000.

Even the fabulous cities of America have never experienced a rise in land values such as Odendaalsrust's. The 300 pre-boom residents, mostly poor people, form probably the richest little non-urban community in the Empire today.

It does not matter to them that at least five years will pass before the town has water, light and transport services, and probably ten years before the new mines are in production.

If, by then, the price of gold is now 120/- an ounce—is still high enough to cover working costs, and the great expectations centred on the new basal reef materialise, the goldfields may change South Africa's centre of economic gravity from the Transvaal to the Orange Free State, and transform the arid veld into a thriving metropolitan area.

New cities and industries will provide homes and employment for tens of thousands. British immigrants may find this prairie province the real Mecca of their dreams.

### No Mistakes

Odendaalsrust is determined not to repeat the town-planning

mistakes made in the early days of Johannesburg and other boom cities. The plans include hospitals, schools and parks, all within a mile of the market square.

A satellite township, called Welkom, is also blueprinted. This is to be built by one of the wealthy mining companies as a non-profit enterprise. Every penny received for plots and business stands is to be put back into the ground in the form of amenities and services like schools, playing fields and welfare and medical centres. Native workers will have hospitals, canteens and cinemas of their own.

Taking the worst view, and assuming that the new reef is not payable, gold will still have navigated the Free State to a degree that will have permanent benefits. With their new wealth the farmers—always prudent investors—have already bought machinery and harvesting equipment.

Mechanisation has increased output—one reason why the Free State had a record wheat crop this season and enabled bread rationing to be abandoned in the Union.

### Servants Of Soil

These wheat-growers, hard-working men who descended from the great old Boer families, are servants of the soil. Gold has not turned their heads, nor has it changed their ways of livelihood.

One of them is tall blue-eyed Mr. P. van den Heever, who sold his 600-morgen farm to a mining group for £71,000.

When Senator Conroy, Minister of Lands, met Van den Heever at the Odendaalsrust hotel, he asked what he was going to do with his fortune. "I'm going to buy other farms in the Free State for myself and my boys," answered Van den Heever. "I want my sons to have the best start in life."

Odendaalsrust is not a modern El Dorado where the pavements are lined with gold. The reef is there, it is true, and its richness is proven. But it lies thousands of feet beneath the surface.

Plentiful material and labour, abundant skill and energy, backed by millions of capital and topped off with good luck may one day make Odendaalsrust a great, prosperous city.

How long that will take no one can tell.

## An Open Letter

To Vice-Admiral Sir Henry St. C. Colson, KCB, CBE, DPH, KHP, Medical Director-General of the Royal Navy.

Sir, I beg your kind permission to present to you, Hong Kong's most serious health problem, which may concern you directly, but I am sure will be of great interest to you because I believe you can render the necessary help that no one else can for its solution.

The last available Tuberculosis death rate for Hong Kong is around 400 per 100,000 population as compared to around 60 in the United Kingdom. It has been estimated that there are in Hong Kong now around 50,000 active Tuberculosis sufferers. Yet there is not a single sanatorium here, in fact none in all the British Colonies in the Far East, and the United Kingdom is the birth place of Sir Robert Phillips, one of the world's greatest Tuberculosis fighters! Manila has its famous Quezon Institute, the Dutch have a Sanatorium in Batavia (Sumatra), to which go Tuberculosis sufferers from Malaya and the Straits.

Now I understand that the Navy has given up the use of the Naval Hospital in Wanchai, and this can be suitably converted to a Tuberculosis Sanatorium. The location of this hospital may not appear to be suitable for a Sanatorium from a European point of view, but under local conditions it is most ideal, because the Chinese patients and their relatives do not like to be separated too far apart—to them accessibility to each other, easy and cheap transportation are of first importance. It may also be argued that the Naval Hospital will be too small to cope with the need, but it can be made as a first start.

The people of Hong Kong, especially the Tuberculosis sufferers, will owe you a great debt if you will give your sympathetic consideration to this matter, and I am sure the Hong Kong Government will also be very much relieved of its embarrassment caused by its embarrassment.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"You're asking me why Caesar should beware the Ides of March? Good land! Haven't you ever heard of income tax evasion?"

## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

### WHICH OCCURS FIRST?

How the contract makes out can depend upon which of two events occurs before the other. Usually that means which of two suits is led first. In the case of a No Trump contract, if the declarer's only stopper in a particular suit is removed early in the play, he can not afford loss of a trick in some other suit in order to establish his lower cards. On the other hand, if he can set up that suit of his own while he still has the stopper of the adverse one, he may be oked. The same principle applies also to premature removal of a re-entry as to removal of a stopper.

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| S. 932       | S. A 875     |
| H. J 10 4    | H. 95        |
| D. K J 8 5 2 | D. 943       |
| C. 5 2       | C. A K 10    |
| S. K J 6     | S. K 8 6 3 2 |
| H. K 10 7    | H. 10 7      |
| C. 6 4       | C. 6 4       |

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable.)

| East | South | West | North |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| Pass | Pass  | 1 C  | 1 D   |
| 2 S  | Pass  | 3 C  | Pass  |
| 4 C  | Pass  | 4 NT | Pass  |
| 5 H  | Pass  | 6 NT | Pass  |

That was interesting bidding, caused by East's failure to sort his cards properly. He had made a fast pass before he discovered the spade A, so tried to correct his remissness on his North's 1-Diamond and a one-second turn by making a bid over which was both a free bid over

more-than-necessary jump as a high card strength shower.

North decided that West must be ready for a diamond lead, so selected the heart J. When he did he made the contract a cinch for the declarer. The Q won that, a club was led to the A and a small spade brought back from dummy. South came in with the K and then returned the Q of his partner's precariously-bid diamond suit. It was too late, however. West used his A, scored the spade Q, led to the club K, ran the rest of the spades and finally with club tricks—having had a run of discarding the heart A, which he did not need.

Just notice what would have happened if North had led a diamond. The A would have been knocked out right at the start. West could not possibly accumulate more than ten tricks before trying to set up some spades. When he tackled that suit, South would return the lethal diamonds to set him.

### Tomorrow's Problem

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| S. 8 2            | S. A       |
| H. 7              | H. A J 9 6 |
| D. 8 6 4          | D. 5 4 2   |
| C. A K Q 10 9 7 8 | C. 2       |
| S. K 10 9         | S. A       |
| H. 4 8            | H. A J 9 6 |
| D. Q J            | D. 5 4 2   |
| C. J 8 6 5        | C. 2       |
| S. Q J 6 5        | S. A       |
| H. K 10 8 3       | H. A J 9 6 |
| D. A K 10 7       | D. 5 4 2   |
| C. 4              | C. 2       |

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)

If everybody bids soundly, who should open the bidding on this deal?

## Crier Wants Pair Of Stockings

London, June 19.

A champion town crier cried "Oyez" today, asked for a pair of "large white or cream silk stockings" and modestly proclaimed that he would not be afraid to enter the corn-husking championship of Iowa if he knew more details. J. S. L. Morris' interest in corn husking was secondary. Primarily, he was concerned with the stockings he needed to complete the "lovely old regalia" he had enlarged to defend his title. In a letter to "The Times," Morris wailed his woe:

"Alas, I find I cannot obtain a large pair of white or cream silk stockings which is proper to my regalia."

He asked readers or "some manufacturer" to lend him a pair.

Town crier championships are held annually. Morris explained, at a place designated by last year's winners. Contestants from England and Wales each receive a copy of a specially composed text placed one week before the contest. It is usually written by some local learned man and is based on local history, fiction or scenery. In the case of a tie, another "eight-foot piece" is used, and this is where a real good town crier can score," Morris said. "I should like some information about the corn-husking

championship of Iowa if any reader could supply me with some details and should not be afraid to enter same if that were possible," Morris concluded irrelevantly.

Oyez!—United Press.

### BURMA TALKS WITH U.S.

Washington, June 19. Discussions on the establishment of diplomatic relations between Burma and the United States have been started. It is expected that the working out of technical problems will require a short time. One of the biggest questions is whether diplomatic representation in Rangoon and Washington will be accorded the rank of Ambassador.—Reuter.



# The Division Of Europe

## Mr. Bevin Puts Blame On Soviet Russia: "The Beginning Of All That Trouble"

### Concentrating On Marshall Plan

London, June 19. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, declared in the House of Commons today that he had "grabbed with both hands" at the United States Secretary of State's plan for economic aid to Europe and intended to push it ahead with all possible energy and speed.

Winding up a debate on British foreign policy in Europe, which concentrated largely on the prospects for, and the necessity of carrying out, the Marshall Plan, Mr. Bevin made it clear that he did not wish to say anything about the proposals for putting it into effect until the Soviet Government had replied to the Anglo-French proposal for a three-power conference next week.

"It is up to us to tell the United States what we want. It is for us to produce a plan," he declared.

Mr. Bevin bluntly told the House that they must face the possibility of a conflict between ideologies in Hungary, but he was confident that the western world would see the attempt to interfere with the rights of others defeated again.

After listening soberly to anxious speeches about Soviet ambitions in eastern Europe from both Government and Opposition benches, the busy Foreign Secretary said:—

On Hungary—"If there is to be a conflict between ideologies

shall regret it, but if it is forced upon us we must face it. But I am certain that if there is a desire to interfere with free expression and all other indefinable things that go to make up the soul of man, it will fail again."

On Bulgaria—"I am convinced that there is determination to wipe out opposition... I am against the one-party state."

On Greece—"The lifting of a finger could stop the civil war. The Communists have carried on a policy there to disrupt that poor little country. I think it is a tragedy."

**Concern At Events**  
Members should not blind themselves to developments in Hun-

### GIFT TO BRITAIN

London, June 19. A cheque for £20,000,000, or more than £3 from every man, woman and child in Australia, was handed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, by the Australian High Commissioner, Mr. John A. Beasley, today as an outright gift to Britain without any conditions or reservations.—*Reuter*.

gory, where the Russians have refused to give British information on their part in bringing about the government change.

"When people know you understand what they are doing they are less likely to do it next time," Mr. Bevin said.

Mr. Bevin denied the Communist suggestions that he had tried to divide Europe.

Mr. Richard Law, former Minister of State, who closed the debate for the Opposition, said: "Russia has flouted, or caused to be flouted, all those values we fought for in war."

Mr. Anthony Eden, Conservative and former Foreign Secretary, initiating the debate, said: "That everyone who had studied recent developments in the international sphere, whether in Europe or in the Far East, must have felt increasing concern at the trend of events."

Failure to reach a constructive Allied agreement had paralysed European recovery. The Yalta decision, the Potsdam declaration, the charter of the United Nations, the armistice terms and the peace treaties recently concluded were all based on the assumption that the victorious powers would work together to pursue a common policy toward the smaller nations, whether liberated Axis states or former Axis satellites.

### Soviet's Duty

The Yalta declaration pledged the signatories to promote free elections and to allow the nations to choose their own forms of government. The Allies had obligations to keep each other informed of events in respect of enemy countries.

When the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin—who entered the chamber at this moment—asked the Soviet Government for information in respect to recent events in Hungary, he was not merely exercising his own undoubted right under the armistice terms but he was also reminding the Soviet Government of what it was that Government's duty to do without being asked.

Over and over again the British Government had sent a series of notes, protesting against the lack of political freedom accorded to the opposition parties in Rumania. These representations were all rejected on the grounds that they were a direct interference with Rumania's internal affairs.

Since then there had been political arrests. They had no information concerning the charges against these prisoners, who were in prisons without having been tried and without any specific charges being brought against them.

Now there was news that prominent Socialists had been arrested in Poland, but no details had been made available concerning the charges. The same methods were being employed elsewhere in Europe.

Mr. Eden said that pressure had been used to secure an enlargement of Communist membership in the Austrian Government in return for some prospective Soviet concessions in regard to reparations and the signature of the treaty. For the moment the situation appeared to be held, but coming so soon after the Hungarian coup, these events could hardly fail to cause apprehension.

"Where is the next move to be? Will it be Finland, hitherto comparatively free, but where already there are rumours of threats against the Rightwing Agrarians, and to a lesser degree, against the Social Democrats?" he asked.

### Next Move

Mr. Eden added that in the foreign affairs debate in November 1945 he made a plea for the transformation of relations between the nations and the consequent modification of some of our conceptions of sovereignty. Since then he had on several occasions, both in the House and outside, urged the Government to take steps to secure closer co-operation in economic matters with our Western neighbours, particularly with France. All this was wholly compatible with the progressive development which all wanted to see in trade within

### Lottery Where You Can't Lose

Washington, June 20. Representative Adolph J. Sabath, the Democrat from Illinois, has reported his intention to some day introduce a bill in Congress which would authorise a national lottery for Americans in which "nobody will lose any money."

Sabath, who estimated a lottery would raise US\$2,500,000,000 each year for the US Government, said he had been considering submitting such a bill for some time.

United States Post Offices will sell US\$1 tickets for a monthly lottery. Prizes would run up to US\$50,000. Winners would be paid in Government bonds, payable in 10, 20 or 25 years. Those who did not win would get the US\$1 they paid for each ticket returned to them after 25 years.

Sabath said interest from the lottery fund over a 25-year period would be sufficient to pay back the original purchase costs for non-winners.

The Illinois Congressman said the "main objective of the bill is to eliminate cheap gambling."—*Reuter*.

the Empire, both with the Dominions and with the colonies.

### Can't Afford Time

Mr. Eden referred to the agreement between Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

"Despite all the difficulties which had to be overcome these countries, by the end of this year, will have established a complete customs union between them and I think one of the results of that will be that this group of small countries will probably become the third trading power of the world, with their overseas partners."

"Admittedly such negotiations take time and I am not saying that there is a solution of Europe's difficulties, because time is what we cannot afford."

"We, the countries of Europe, have yet to meet the economic crisis which will reach its peak in the next 12 months, perhaps in the next six months."

The U.S. Secretary of State, General Marshall, in putting forward this offer, had quite rightly made it clear that while the United States was prepared to help, it was for the European countries themselves to agree as to their requirements and as to the part they could best play in making the best possible use of America's assistance.

Mr. Eden concluded that the opportunities now offered to Europe were immense.

### Rare Chance

"We must not let them slip. We have here in our hands the possibility of creating a new era for our tortured continent. Here is an absolutely free choice for the East as well as for the West; and here is that second chance that so rarely comes and when it does come is of the nature of a miracle."

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Bevin, who was greeted with cheers as he rose, said:

"It may be for the convenience of the House if at this stage, for I shall be replying to the debate later on, I make a very short statement. As the House will be aware, the French Foreign Minister and I have had preliminary contact on the subject of European reconstruction and the offer of the United States Government set forth in the American Secretary of State's speech at Harvard on June 5."

"We decided last night in Paris to propose to the Soviet Government a meeting of the British, French and Soviet Foreign Ministers, to be held during the week beginning June 23, in order to discuss these problems as a whole."

"A reply from the Soviet Government is awaited and the House will understand that until it is received, there is nothing I can usefully say on the subject today. I know the great interest of the House in the United States proposals, and I wish very much, if it was possible, to say more about the position. All I can do now is to repeat that we regard General Marshall's offer as a great opportunity for Europe (Cheers)."

### Going Ahead

"It is a chance that this Ministry's Government will not miss. I have promised that we for our

# Truman-Congress Clash

Washington, June 19. A source close to the White House today said President Truman "will blast hell out of the Taft-Harley labour bill" in his veto message to Congress on Friday.

The source—the same one from which the United Press obtained a statement on Sunday that Mr. Truman would veto the income tax reduction bill—said the President had prepared an unusually strong message objecting to many features of the Republican labour measure.

In the meantime, it is learned that Senate Democrats are prepared to take the floor for a talk marathon—a " filibuster"—to stave off the vote to override the veto until early next week. Republican leaders hope to force a decision immediately and are ready to hold sessions on Friday night, and Saturday, if necessary.

The administration source was reluctant to discuss details of President Truman's veto statement except to say it would answer fully the requests of administration supporters for a veto message in the strongest possible terms.

The source said Mr. Truman would go much further than objecting to the bill merely on the ground that it exceeds labour-management proposals made to Congress last January, in which objections were made to secondary boycotts and strikes called by one union against another.

### Sharp Rebuff

President Truman handed a sharp rebuff to a group of Southern Democratic leaders who urged him to sign the bill. The President told them he had not consulted labour leaders or industry spokesmen and did not want to hear from any Democrats. He said the decision would be strictly his own—based on what he thought best for the country as a whole.

Senate Democrats hope to get an agreement with the Republicans to put off the vote until next week, as at least six Democrats are absent and might not be able to return in time for the vote on Friday or Saturday. It is said that if the Republican leaders do not yield in the request for a delay, several pro-labour Senators, led by Claude Pepper and James Murray, are prepared to talk a long time to prevent a vote.

A Truman veto of the labour bill would bring the President into a second major showdown with the Republican-controlled Congress over top domestic policies in less than a week. His veto of the income tax cut was upheld by the House on Monday.—*United Press*.

There was a clash of views between two Labour members who formed part of the British Parliamentary delegation to Hungary last year. Mr. Stanley Evans said that it became clear that the governing element in Soviet hierarchy had no faith in permanent peace or even in prolonged peace. Consequently they were basing their policies on the text books of Genghis Khan. Out of the mountain of misery in Europe Russia hoped to secure for her "political manoeuvres" the keys of power.

Mr. John Haine, who headed the delegation, charged Mr. Evans with making a Rightwing speech at a time when the Foreign Secretary had invited Mr. Molotov to join in a second chance. The situation in Hungary had not changed so much as to justify that speech.

### Freedom Being Obliterated

Mr. Henry Strauss (Conservative) said that it was no use blinding oneself to the fact that continuous Russian and Communist aggression was obliterating freedom in the British zone in Germany. Communism had to be met by a real belief in freedom.

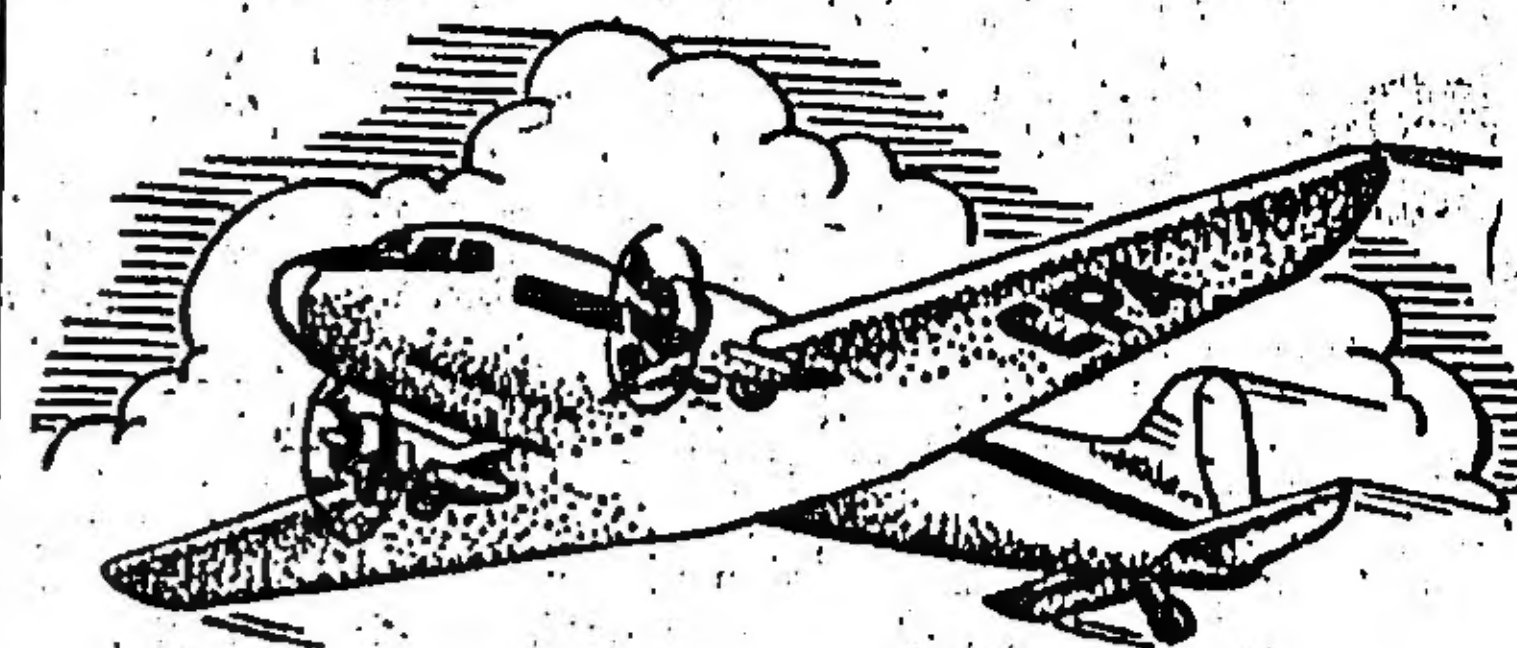
Mr. Phillip Piratin, one of the two Communist members of the House, thought the Marshall plan the most important aspect of foreign affairs just now. Declaring that it seemed that some members had already made up their minds that the Soviet Union would refuse to participate, he asked why should the Soviet Union refuse? The Soviet Union needed help as anyone would only refuse if there were political discriminations and economic privations.

Mr. Robert Boothby (Conservative) referring to the Marshall plan, declared: "I say to the Government, go forward with courage and determination and prove now, as you proved, I think, in the case of India, that Great Britain can still dare to be great."

Mr. Boothby, who often takes a strongly independent line from his party, regretted the invitation sent at this stage to Mr. Molotov, in the belief that it was premature. "I believe we shall never come to terms with the Soviet Union until a United States of Western Europe has been created—nothing less than that," he declared. He hoped that if the invitation was accepted, the meeting place would not be Munich.

### Russia Trouble Maker

Mr. Bevin, winding up the foreign affairs debate, said that he had been asked particularly by Communist Phillip Piratin about the division of Europe. "Would there be political conditions or economic conditions?" "May I remind him with ap-



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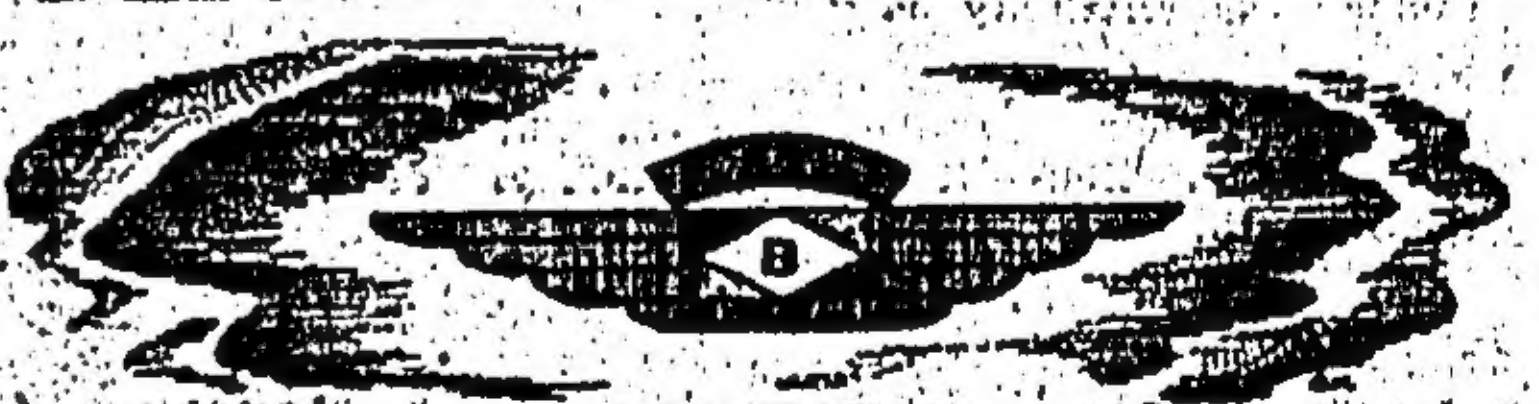
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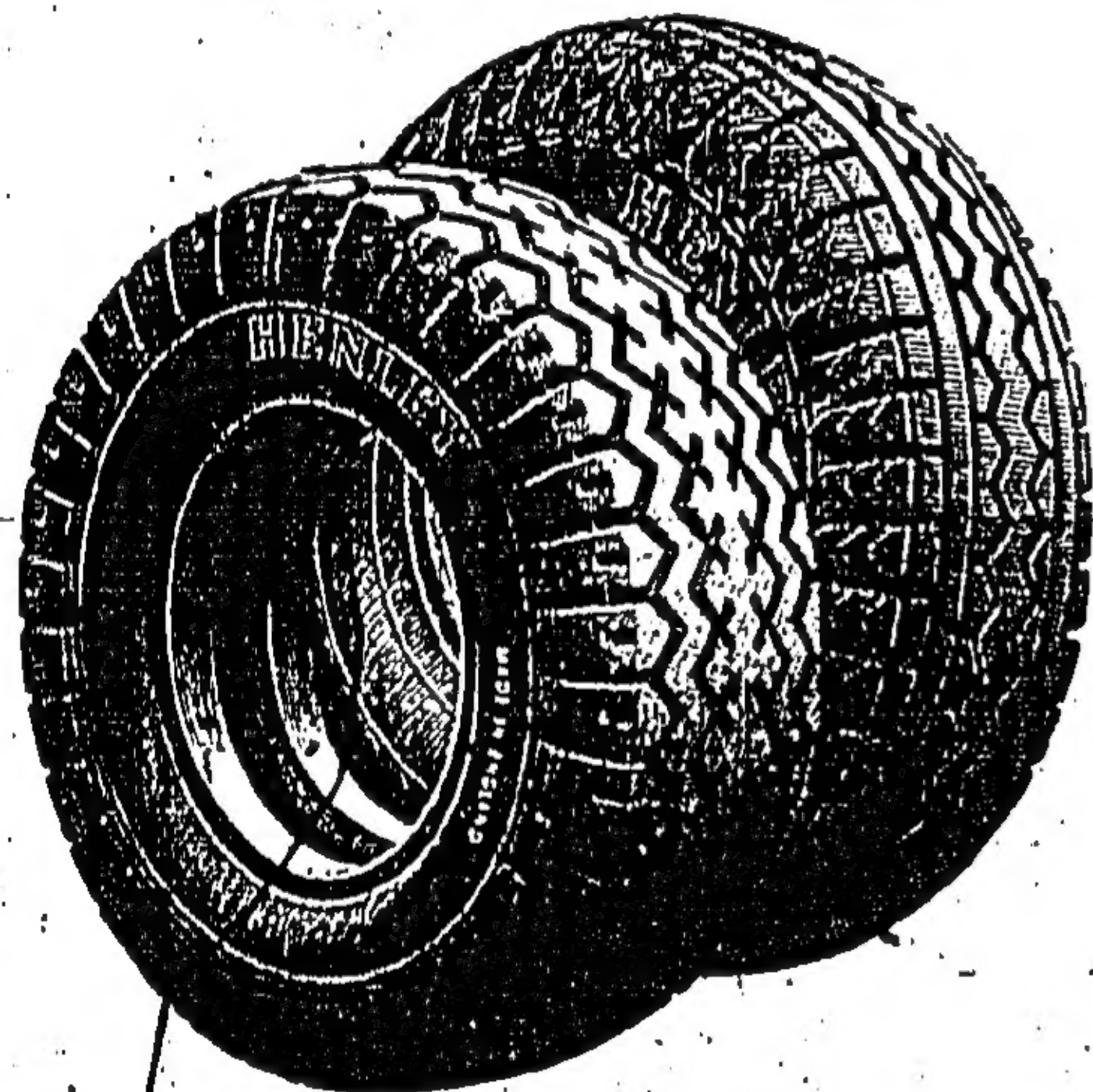
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# MOTERING NEWS AND VIEWS

## Government Lifting Restrictions On Ownership Give And Take On H.K. Roads Long Overdue

The "China Mail" understands that from today the Government order restricting ownership of any number of cars to one person or family, is to be lifted.

This regulation—the Motor Vehicles Allocation and Control Order 1946—was instituted last year with a view to ensuring a fair distribution of cars which arrived in the Colony and preventing the private reselling of new vehicles.

It will now be possible for persons wishing to buy a new car to do so, have it licensed by the police authorities without reference to the Supplies, Trade and Industry Department.

Drive up Garden Road any day and notice the number of cars, British and American, "pinked" their hearts out, trying to do just a little bit more before changing down. Five times out of ten the owners of these cars will send them into the repair shop for a top overhaul to cure the "pinkings." Pro-

per use of the gears seems to be the obvious cure in nine cases out of ten.

Although pump gasoline (68 to 72 octane) in Hongkong seems to be much better than the Pool Petrol obtainable in England, a judicious addition of high octane gasoline (80 to 84 octane) will cure most cases of mild "pinkings", besides improving the performance considerably. The extra cost of high octane gasoline, when available, is compensated for by more miles per gallon. To my knowledge, several pre-war owners of high performance cars used this mixture regularly with good results. One, the owner of a 2-litre Sunbeam Talbot says that over 4,000 miles, the cost per mile was even less than obtained by using ordinary pump gasoline, while the performance left nothing to be desired.

Whilst on the subject, one word of precaution. Do not use 100 octane gasoline. The valves, valve seats, rings and plugs will suffer. During the war, however, I saw many a Jeep in China using a 50-50 mixture of 100 octane and alcohol when ever ordinary gasoline was unobtainable.

Do you check your tyres regularly each week? Most synthetics lose about one or two pounds a week, and if your weekly check shows this, all is well. If, however, the pressure drops much more than this in a week, it's time to re-check. You've probably got a puncture! The reason the tyre hasn't gone flat altogether does not mean you haven't got a puncture. The tube, although pierced by a nail will not lose all the air at once, not until the puncture becomes so enlarged by the relative movement of the nail in the tube during use. Most cases the nail acts as a plug until then.

The car reported stolen from outside the Helena. May some weeks ago has now been found at Macao. I don't know how it has been identified, but I think it would be a wise move if we

### By Our Motoring Correspondent

marked our own cars in some way. Engine numbers and chassis numbers are so easily changed, but a secret mark would most probably be overlooked.

As I said a few weeks ago, we in Hongkong are extremely fortunate in being able to get deliveries of cars in a reasonably short time. Cars are also delivered in spanking good condition, shining as new. Cars ought to. A buyer of a car in America recently took delivery of his new car, but found he had to fill in oil at every stop for gas. On reaching his home town, he was finally persuaded to strip his engine down—and found that someone had forgotten to fit any piston rings to the pistons!

No amount of traffic signs, safety islands and the like, will have as much effect on bad mannered, careless behaviour of road users, both pedestrians and drivers of vehicles, as well organized police patrols. The appearance of a police patrol in most cases is enough to make would-be erring road-users think twice before taking chances. The careless bus driver, the speeding taxi driver, the day-dreaming owner driver, the saucy cyclist, the jay-walker—all contribute to the large

number of avoidable road accidents in Hongkong today. Nowadays, much of the enjoyment of a week-end drive is often spoilt by some road-user, insisting on his "rights." A little co-operation, imbued with a spirit of give and take, on the part of all road users, is long overdue.

The warning issued this week by the police traffic authorities on danger areas in the Colony, were based on accident and death records for this year, and merit great attention from the general public. Especial care should be taken at the following three points:

Des Voeux Rd. in the vicinity of the junction of Queen and Ko Shing Streets; Des Voeux Rd., Cen. in the vicinity of the junction of Pedder Street and Chater Road, and Connaught Rd. West and Central in the entire vicinity of the tram route.

On Wednesday Police Commissioner D. W. Macintosh made a statement to the effect that recommendations in connection with the Colony's traffic problems would soon be submitted to Government for consideration and necessary legislation. We presume that Mr. Macintosh was referring to the introduction of the one way traffic and roundabout scheme which is still "hanging fire" although details of this were published by the "China Mail" over a month ago.

It is interesting to learn that a new highway code for Hong Kong is to be issued soon. Work on this is now being completed and the new code will be available as soon as translation copies are printed.

The white pedestrian crossing lines on the roads in the centre of Hong Kong seem to be fading. Is this due to lack of interest on the part of the au-

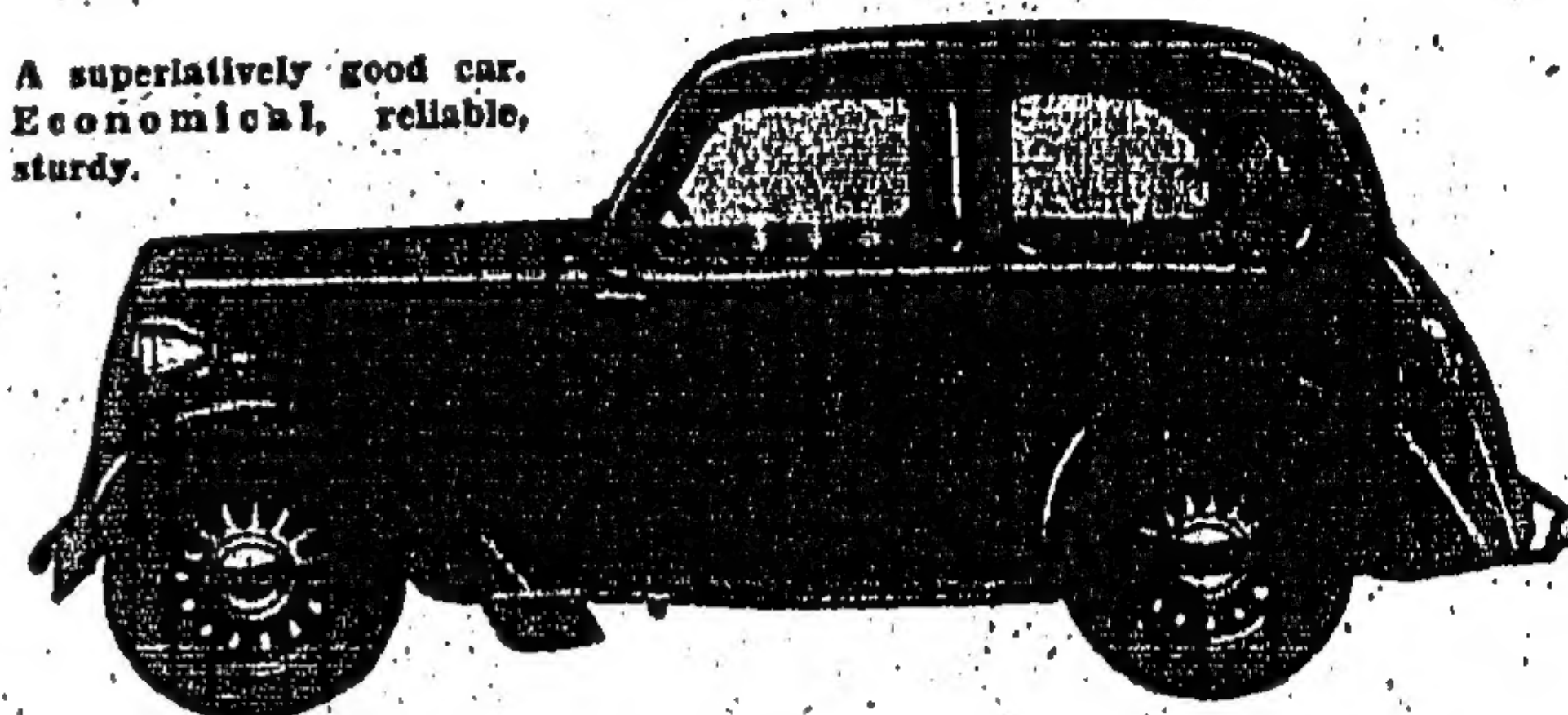
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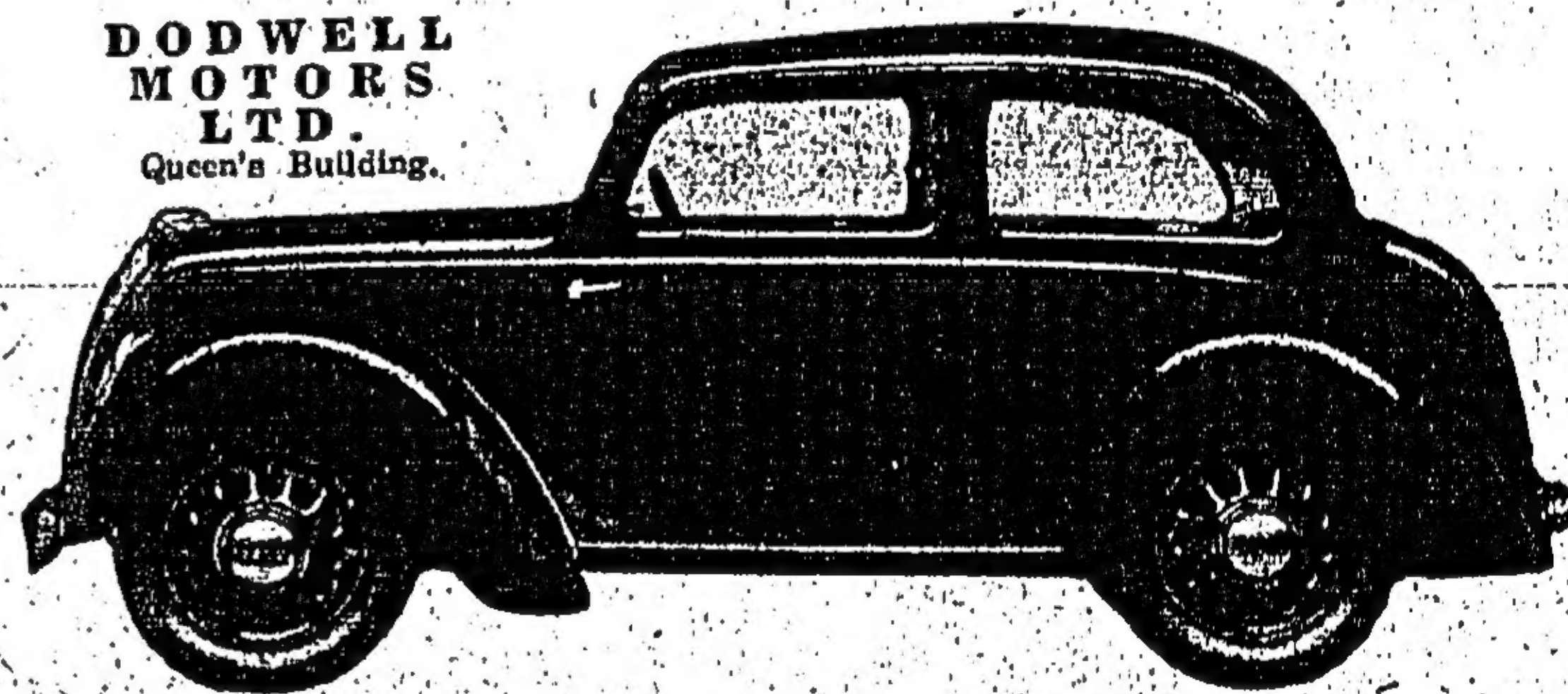
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## London Holds Road Safety Exhibition

### By The Marquis Of Donegall

We have to face the fact that in any exhibition we are merely skimming the surface of the problem. The twentieth century has let loose a number of lethal weapons on society. Of these the motor-car is one, and atomic energy is the latest. Science has outpaced human capacity for assimilation and its capacity for mastering the principles involved and using them solely for its own advantage. It takes the lion-tamer many years to learn exactly what he can safely do with lions.

But mankind has not been granted a long enough period to reach even the realisation of the dangers that lurk in the creations of its own genius.

Of these dangers, the motor-car is the most commonplace and is the one which we have had longest to get used to. It is more pacific than most of them in that, unless it is misused, it will be a useful servant. It will not destroy you from an altitude nor, in peacetime, will it throw things at you in anger. It will only turn savage if one of two parties does something foolish.

**Morbid Statistics**  
Pacific as its intentions are, humanity has so failed to understand its destructive possibilities that it has been forced into the top rank of life-destroyers, and vies only with heart-disease and other natural causes as a destructor of human life.

We do not want to go into morbid statistics. Let one or two suffice: Over six hundred people were killed in London alone in 1946, and deaths averaged 14 a day for the whole country. But twenty-eight thousand cases of injury in the same year is astronomical. The L.C.C. ambulances answer an average of 130 emergency calls per day.

I will leave it to child psychologists to ponder on the case of the brother and sister who returned from an exhibition, and started a new game, which consisted of running into the chairs and knocking them over. Asked what they were doing, the six-year-old girl said: "We are playing accidents, and we have already killed ten pedestrians!"

**Miles Tester**  
On entering, I turned to the right at the top of the wide staircase and found that the driving test on the Miles Tester was in progress. This reminded me a good deal of the blind-flying trainer which I tried during the war at an R.A.F. aerodrome. I finished up by doing a spin straight into the ground from

3,000 ft., but they were kind enough to say that a fighter squadron leader had done even worse on his first effort only the day before.

So it is with the Miles Tester, in that the steering being very light it is quite easy to run off the edge of the road and even through the hedge or into a tree. The road that unwinds in front of the stationary "car" looks just like one of those films that one often sees at the movies when the shot is being taken along the bonnet of a moving vehicle.

It was much surprised on being invited by one of the representatives of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents to go behind the scenes to find that the effect was not produced by the back-projection of a film.

The system employed consists of a revolving circular glass turntable which increases in speed as the accelerator pedal of the "car" is pressed. On this turntable are miniature road and scenic effects, the hedges being about 24 in. high, roughly on the gramophone record principle. It is a small light controlled by the steering wheel of the "car" and suspended on to the road that back-projects the impression of a film to the person being tested.

### Reaction Test

"In that case," I asked, "you could easily go through a hedge?" "Yes," said my expert, wistfully. "People do and we have to spend a lot of time reconstructing the things they knock down on this turntable."

Apart from the steering test, which is really easy if you are careful, they give you a reaction test. You have to pull up as quickly as possible when you see a little red light go on at the end of the bonnet. They say that the average reaction is seven-tenths of a second. Mine was three-tenths of a second, and my driver (who, I must admit, had been tipped off by me exactly what was going to happen) got all the credit by registering half a second.

The experts freely admit that this tester, excellent as it is in principle, can be improved upon. They are trying to devise ways whereby realistic pedestrians could dash across at a distance where it is possible to avoid an accident if the person being tested does the right thing. They are also trying to provide the complications of oncoming traffic.

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## MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

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The outcome of all expert

ments is a combination of interchangeable controls, worked by servo-vacuum motors, which can be adapted to the needs of nine different types of war mutilation. For example, a driver who has lost both legs requires a servo-vacuum control numbered one, two and five, whereas a man without right leg and left arm needs controls one, four and five, with the hand brake and gear levers transferred to the other side of the steering column.

The controls are quite simple to operate and an experienced motorist can learn to use them in half an hour. The vacuum-servo motors which give "power assistance" depend upon the engine being in motion, but a reserve vacuum tank comes into play if the engine stops.

One of the most ingenious controls is the combined hand throttle and clutch, enabling two fingers of the right hand to apply the same energy as two feet operating the clutch and accelerator pedals. It takes the form of a short lever pivoted on the steering column below the wheel and shaped to take the two fingers of the right hand. Lifting the lever towards the steering wheel operates the clutch, and rotating it opens or closes the throttle.

This is only one of a number of combinations. For men who have lost the left leg there is a combined foot brake and clutch worked by the right foot. The brake pedal is hinged so that the top portion works the brake by foot action while the lower half, connected to the vacuum-servo motor and clutch, is operated by the driver's heel. Conversely, the loss of the right leg is provided for with a similar arrangement of the clutch pedal, hinged at the centre so that the driver's heel operates the brake through the vacuum-servo motor.

Braking control by hand must, of course, be arranged in the most simple and foolproof manner possible. The brake control for legless drivers is like a small segment of the steering wheel itself and rotating with it. To slow or stop the car, the control is pulled up to the steering wheel and the vacuum-

ing wheel and the vacuum-servo motor does the rest.

The normal gear and brake levers can be moved to the opposite side of the steering column and the accelerator pedal placed in whichever position suits the driver best. This driving seat is mounted on an unusually long slide to help drivers with artificial legs. Another arrangement is the tensioning of the hand throttle lever so that it closes automatically when the driver must move his hand frequently for gear changing.

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### Accidents And Highway Design

Interesting views on the relative values of the causes of road accidents were put forward by the president of the Institution of Highway Engineers, Lieut. Colonel G. T. Bennett, O.B.E., B.Sc., M.Inst.C.E., in a paper read before the Institution the other day. It was entitled "Highway Design in Relation to Road Accidents."

He expressed faith in the possibility of reducing accidents by road improvement. He attempted to justify this as a means for accident prevention, to clarify certain contentious issues in this connection, and to compare some apparently irreconcilable views. He tried to show how even limited experiments, statistical analyses and quite rudimentary research may lead to new views and give the urge for further investigation.

Regarding the 6,500 killed and 200,000 injured every year on British roads, he said politeness and normal good manners, which would spare feelings, are out of place in commenting upon them. We should demand the truth. He could congratulate no one on the manner in which the problem had been dealt with so far.

There was a record of sporadic, unmethodical, half efforts, experiments without data or attempts to obtain them, assertions without proof and almost complete failure. We have imposed speed limits, taken them off, and put them back again; built bypasses, and then, as the traffic increased, watched traffic increase, decrease and increase again, and learnt nothing.

Now there is hope. A National Road Research Board is to investigate facts and institute scientific research free from the control of administration. In the widest sense, the cause of any accident is the events which lead up to it. He suggested a cause can be usefully defined only as a condition precedent, which it would have been practicable to eliminate and but for which the accident would have been avoided.

His main theory was that no particular cause can be described as more important than another, for it is the elimination of one would have prevented the occurrence, then it could not be regarded as anything less than equally important. Thus past statistics are often fallacious. It is therefore essential to set up standards of conduct, road and vehicle, and to judge deficiencies in all categories as equally important.

In tests carried out by Oxfordshire County Council the most important fact learnt was that in about 87 per cent. of instances, the vehicle was turning to the right from a major road to a minor, or vice versa, and that only some 13 per cent. were turning to the left.

He gave two suggested examples of safer designs for the simplest form of T junction and for a complicated form of cross roads, embodying the idea that minor road traffic must be slowed on entering the major road and should eventually emerge at an acute angle. Traffic leaving the major road, whether by right or left turn, should also filter away at an acute angle.

### Flying Standard Eight

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## ROUND THE WORLD OF MOTORING

America has recently produced a startling innovation in the form of a "drive in your car" cinema. Screen performances are provided while seen from the comfort of a car. In several parts of the U.S.A. layout of these car cinemas provide for about 800 machines, and are usually set in pleasantly pastoral surroundings—a short way from the roadside. Car cinema goes simply wheel their machine in line with other cars and run the front wheels up a steep little bank which tips it at such an angle that the picture can be seen in comfort through the windscreen. Windows are lowered and loudspeakers hooked inside. This ensures perfect reception of the sound effects despite any noise which other listeners may be making in their own car.

French manufacturing companies are keeping a weather eye concentrated on the American market. The proposed model for the U.S.A. of the veteran French constructor Mar. E. C. Mathia, is called the "666," as there are to be six cylinders, 66 b.h.p. and a weight of 660 kg. Such high claims—they include also 93 m.p.h. from a 66 b.h.p. engine of 2,257 c.c.—should be considered in the light of the estimated weight of 13 cwt unladen. Also contemplated is a 444 model, with four cylinders, 44 b.h.p. and an assumed petrol consumption of four litres per 100 km.

Super-trailers, specially designed for camping enthusiasts are being sold in Britain to overcome the holiday luggage problem of many car owners. One firm has a range of over 70 standard models and has been manufacturing some of the range throughout the war for a variety of special purposes.

They are constructed on all-steel chassis and are completely

equipped with wings, lighting cable, tall lamp and number plate. The trailer will carry enough equipment for a party of six and also provides sleeping accommodation for two people.

The manufacturing company

is also exhibiting a number of

ex-Government "two wheeled

trailers known as the airborne

type which were specially de-

signed for transport by glider

and were therefore made as

light and as sturdy as possible.

They have a carrying capacity

of 10 cwt and weigh 5½ cwt

empty. Controlled retail price

in Britain is £25.

Did you know that the effective-

ness of the safety rim

wheel fitted on some American

cars is due to the substitution

of centrifugal force for the air

pressure which normally holds

the tyre in shape? As long as

the tyre remains in place on the

rim, centrifugal force will con-

tinue to push the outer body of

the tyre away from the wheel.

The faster the wheel is turning,

the greater will be the force.

In fact, at a car speed of 70

miles per hour the tyre behaves

as though it had 30 pounds of

air in it.

Model car enthusiasts tell us

that their small machines have

as many problems connected

with them as the full sized rac-

ing car. Usually the small en-

gines have single cylinders,

equipped with a little miniature

plug supplied by a small coil

and a torch battery. The car-

burettor is simple, because the

engines are very high-speed

two-strokes, incidentally some-

times they are diesels, which

eliminates the trouble always

present with electrical ignition.

One of the most ingenious com-

ponents is the centrifugal

clutch, which allows the engine

to be started and run while the

vehicle remains stationary, but

ensures a good smooth getaway

and a firm hold when the en-

gine is at full revolutions.

### A New Type Of Engine Starter

A new type of engine starter, which should be of interest to commercial-vehicle users, is now in production in France. The chief advantages claimed for it are a big saving in weight over the normal electric starting equipment, and the high rotational speed imparted to the engine crankshaft.

Known as the Berger, this device is extremely simple in design, and has only three moving parts. Two piston-driven racks, with helical teeth, are mounted in horizontally opposed hydraulic cylinders, above and beneath a pinion. A ratchet-type clutch, giving instant release, is interposed between this pinion and the nose of the engine crankshaft.

Oil at high pressure is admitted to the hydraulic cylinders from a reservoir, which is in the form of an air bottle. A separator is, naturally, provided between oil and air, and the air acts as a spring, driving the oil into the cylinders. Coil springs return the racks to their normal positions at the end of their power stroke.

**Smooth Engagement**  
An important feature of this design is that, in order to avoid any violent shock to the engine-starting mechanism (the racks, pinion and ratchet clutch), oil is admitted, first, at a relatively low pressure, and then at the pressure needed for the power stroke, which is in the neighbourhood of 4,000 lb. per sq. in. This change takes place automatically.

When low-pressure oil is admitted, the pinion turns slowly under thrust from the helical teeth of the racks, and when the ratchet clutch is fully engaged, the pinion can turn no farther, because of engine resistance.

Pressure then builds up in the hydraulic cylinder heads until a certain point is reached, at which the oil valve opens wide, admitting oil at full pressure and maximum flow. The racks thereupon shoot forward with tremendous energy, turning the pinion, and with it the engine crankshaft, at a much higher speed than that obtainable from any normal form of electric starter motor.

The actual crankshaft speed imparted to an engine by this hydraulic device, in the first three-quarters of a revolution, represents 180 r.p.m. Unlike an electric starter, which turns an engine at a comparatively low speed for a number of re-

volutions, the Berger delivers its full power during a very short period. Its action might be compared with that of a sharp and tremendously powerful pull-up on the starting handle.

As an example of what the Berger can do, it may be mentioned that this appliance has been mounted on a French Arsenal aero-engine—an H-type 24-cylindered unit of 4,000 b.h.p. From cold, and with the ignition switched off, the appliance gets this great engine turning over at 179 r.p.m. in one second, and in three-quarters of a revolution.

Pressure in the oil reservoir can be built up either by a hand-operated oil pump or by means of a small electrically operated one. Using a hand pump, full oil pressure can be regained in 30-30 seconds. Whether or not a small power-operated pump be fitted, the hand pump forms a most useful piece of emergency equipment.

The Berger starter is not exhausted after its first effort, as three or four starting impulses can be given before oil pressure in the reservoir needs building up.

#### Light Weight

The designer, M. Maurice Berger, has sent us comparative weight tables for the electric and hydro-pneumatic starting equipment of a 7-ton vehicle fitted with a 120 b.h.p. six-cylindered oil engine. These show a total weight of 60 lb. for the complete hydraulic installation, as against 456 lb. in the case of electric starting.

Much of this 456 lb. represents additional accumulator weight, over and above that required for lighting, direction indicators, etc., to give the extra power needed by an electric starter motor. In the example given, useful load on the vehicle is increased by 406 lb. by employing the Berger system.

Because of its small dimensions, the Berger can usually be mounted to operate directly on the nose of the crankshaft, but should this not be possible, it can operate on any driven shaft turning at a speed lower than that of the engine crankshaft.

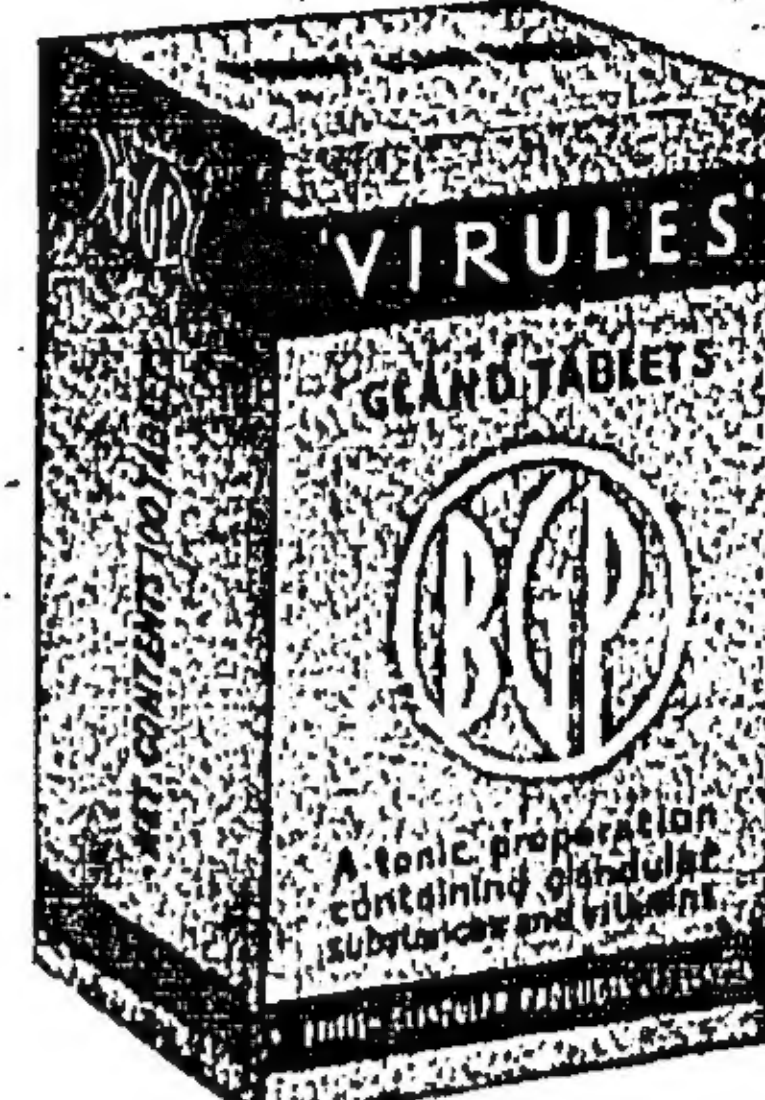
The starter is at present being produced by an important French concern making nearly all the fuel injector pumps used in France. It may, however, be produced under licence in Britain in the near future.

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Some facts about the Hudson Motor Car Company show that over a period of five consecutive years, 271,312 automobiles were produced annually at their plants, and in one year a total of 309,362 cars.

The Hudson Company, now in its 37th year, has built its own bodies in its own plants since 1925. Incidentally, a large consignment of Hudson spare parts is on the way here and is expected to arrive in Hong Kong next month according to the Hudson agents in the Colony—the Pacific Union Trading Company, Ltd., 12-14, Queen's Road (Tel. 33534).

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# DISPUTE OVER TARIFFS Australia Disturbed By U.S. Action Not Consistent With Charter

Geneva, June 19.

The Australian Minister for Reconstruction, Mr. J. J. Dedman, said here today that Australia entered into the tariff talks at the Geneva International Trade Conference under the distinct impression that she would be able to secure a reduction in the United States duties on wool in return for certain concessions she was prepared to make.

The action taken by certain wool interests in America has disturbed Australia very greatly, he added. Only when the Wool Bill question in America had been settled would Australia be in a position to continue negotiations for reduction of United States wool duties.

It would not be sufficient if America dropped the import fee bill, Australia would still require a reduction in the present American wool duties of 34 cents to the pound on imported wool.

Whether Australia would withdraw from the Conference if the import fee bill were passed was something that would have to be met when the question arose. He could not give an answer to what Australia would do.

Mr. Dedman said that tariff negotiations between Empire countries and the United States and the charter were very closely linked. If Australia did not achieve what she wanted in the tariff negotiations she would then have to look both at the charter and the tariff negotiations. However fine an instrument the charter might be to give effect to principles of international trade, it could not be of great value to Australia if she did not secure the vital concession which she sought. It might be of great value to other countries, but not to Australia.

Australia considered the whole negotiations were an integral part of both the tariff and charter discussions. A critical stage in the tariff negotiations had been reached so far as an agreement between Australia and the United States was concerned. It was too early to say what the outcome would be.

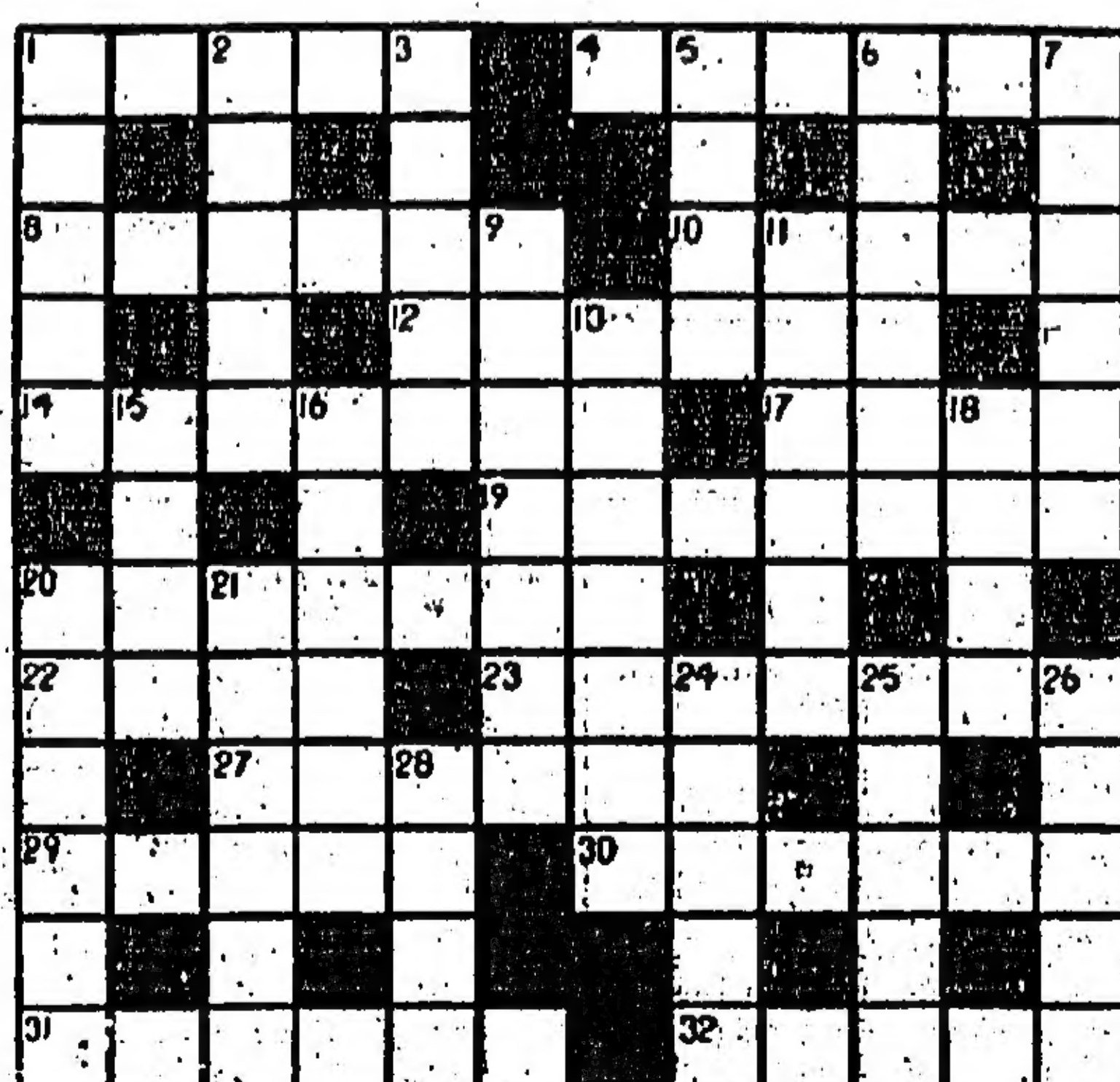
Mr. Dedman said he did not feel that the course events had taken in the United States over the wool bill were consonant with the principles on which the charter was supposed to be founded.

Australia looked upon the action taken in America as a matter of domestic policy in which certain antagonistic had appeared against the United States administration.

Australia's production of wool amounted to between A\$80,000,000 and A\$100,000,000 (US\$255,000,000 to US\$320,000,000) a year and wool constituted almost eighty percent of her exports to the United States. By comparison with Australian production, United States production of wool was unimportant.

Any Alternative?  
Asked whether he had any alternative to offer as a solution.

## A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



### Clues Across

- Heavenly principle.
- Occurrence.
- Builder's material.
- Longs for.
- Bashful.
- Reach.
- one's aim.
- Persia.
- First
- Prole.
- Volce.
- Afternoon nap.
- Climb.
- Drive.
- Snigger.
- Avaricious.
- Teacher.

### Clues Down

- Punctuation mark.
- Confine.
- Commerce.
- German woman.
- Stick to.
- Take ill.
- Opposite.
- Confer.
- Thawing.
- Obtrude.
- Indian coin.
- Established.
- Venturesome.
- Decree.
- Taut.
- Perpetrate.
- Disorder.
- Lump of sugar.

### Yesterday's Crossword

- Across: 1. Assented; 2. Hoax; 3. Sediment; 4. Teetotal; 5. Mocha; 6. Combined; 7. Deigned; 8. Heam; 9. Belovant; 10. Completed; 11. Plan; 12. Ruin.
- Down: 1. Whet; 2. Pardi; 3. Suet; 4. Evil; 5. Theme; 6. Ditch; 7. Solid; 8. Dates; 9. Brode; 10. Sheen; 11. Newell; 12. Dived; 13. Sled; 14. Admit; 15. Rm; 16. Lens; 17. Abio; 18. Tint.

## PACIFIC PLANS SHELVED

New York, June 19.  
Lack of buying power in the East has temporarily forced two shipping companies in Vancouver, B.C., to shelve their plans for trans-Pacific runs, the "Wall Street Journal" reports.

According to the "Journal", the shipping companies find it difficult to maintain a regular service because of the irregular trade in losing its profit appeal.—Central News.

## London Stock Market

London, June 19.  
The Stock Exchange was very quiet today, with gilded inclinations to dullness and industrial movements narrow, except for the rise in Distillers, following their dividend statement.

There was some speculative interest in central Europeans and Japanese. Oils were little altered but Anglo-Indians and Burmahs finished slightly harder.

Gold and copper were generally harder in the absence of Cape offering.—Reuter.

London, June 19.  
An eight-man delegation from the National Wool Textile Export Corporation will visit the United States next September to investigate the market for British wool cloth and hosiery. The mission, headed by Mr. W. Thom-Munro, will spend a month in New York, the West, Middle West, and the South.—Reuter.

# Protectionist Bill Passes Senate

Washington, June 19.

The United States Senate today finally approved its protectionist wool tariff bill. Forty-eight votes were in favour of the Tariff Bill and 38 against. More than a dozen Democrats refused to support the Administration's opposition to the measure.

The bill, which permits higher wool tariffs, or restrictions on imports, will now go to the White House for the President's signature or veto.

The protectionist causes of the bill precipitated a controversy between the Democratic leader, Mr. Barkley, and the Republican, Mr. Robert Taft, before the bill was passed.

Mr. Barkley, brandishing a sheaf of letters in which the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, and former Secretaries, Mr. Cordell Hull and Mr. Henry Stimson, have protested against the enactment of the wool tariff, declared that the United States Government by such a policy would invite

## Lessons Of War

Mr. Barkley declared: "We cannot afford to stick our heads into the sand economically. We fought two bloody World Wars to learn that lesson."

Senator Taft deprecated the reports that the legislation constituted a radical departure in American policy.

"There is no nation in the world that is not discriminating in some way against American commerce," he claimed, nevertheless, that since the imposition of the import fee or quota remained discretionary with the President and was banned if seemed in contravention to any existing trade agreement, "there is utterly no reason why any foreign nation should think we are adopting a high tariff policy."—Reuter.

## SOVIET ENVOY LEAVES

Nanking, June 19.  
The Soviet Ambassador to China, A. A. Petrov, accompanied by Mrs. Petrov, their two daughters and his private secretary, left by plane for Tientsin this morning en route to Moscow.

The Soviet Ambassador is scheduled to remain in Tientsin, capital of Sinking, for two or three days before continuing his journey to Moscow.—Central News.

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Hong Kong, 20th June, 1947.

## N.Y. Stock Market

New York, June 20.  
Pivotal motors led stocks upward fractionally to around two. Rubbers, rails and some chemicals and equipment made a joint advance. Of 974 issues traded, 602 gained and 184 lost. 1,010,000 shares were traded. American Telephone rebounded from its long decline after touching a new low at 149 1/2. New highs for the year were reached by Chrysler, Union Carbide, United Fruit up 2 1/2 at 52, PepsiCo were up 1 1/2 at 32.

Dow Jones Averages: Stocks 62.04; 20 Industrials 176.14; 10 Utilities 34.45.

Closing stock quotations:—

Adams Express 15 1/2, Alaska Juncos 5 1/2, American Can 92 1/2, American Smelting 54, American Telephone 151 1/2, American Tobacco 72, American Waterworks 14 1/2, Aviation Corp. 5 1/2, Baldwin Locomotive 18 1/2, Barnsdall 21, Bendis Aviation 80 1/2, Bethlehem Steel 83 1/2, Boeing Aircraft 15 1/2, Borden Co. 41, Canadian Pacific 11 1/2, J. I. Case 38, Chrysler 108 1/2, Colgate 40 1/2, Commercial Solvents 23 1/2, Corn Products 64 1/2, Dupont 189, Eastman Kodak 47 1/2, Electric Light & Power 14 1/2, General Electric 35 1/2, General Motors 60 1/2, Goodrich 55 1/2, Goodyear 45, Homestake Mining 47 1/2, International Harvester 88 1/2, International Paper 40 1/2, International Tel & Tel 11 1/2, Johns Manville 43 1/2, Kennecott Copper 44 1/2, Montgomery Ward 58 1/2, National Steel 20 1/2, National Lead 30 1/2, New York Central 14 1/2, Packard Motors 5 1/2, Pan American Airways 10 1/2, Pennsylvania RR 18 1/2, Radio Corp. 84, Republic Steel 25 1/2, Reynolds Tobacco 40 1/2, Schenley 28 1/2, Sears Roebuck 37 1/2, Shell Oil 30 1/2, Socony Vacuum 40 1/2, Southern Pacific 41 1/2, Standard Brands 29 1/2, Standard Oil of Calif. 58 1/2, Standard Oil of N.J. 75 1/2, Studebaker 19 1/2, Union Bag 32, Union Carbide 105 1/2, U.S. Rubber 45 1/2, U.S. Steel 68 1/2, U.S. Lines 20 1/2, Westinghouse 28 1/2, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 62 1/2, General Public Utilities 13 1/2.—Associated Press.

## H.K. Stock Exchange

With the exception of a few counters interest was well maintained in the medium priced issues most of which showed gains on quotations of a week ago.

Closing: Index 330.1.

H.K. Govt. Loans: 4% Loan 107 1/2; 5 1/2% Loan 105 1/2.

Banks: H.K. & S. Bank 101 1/2, Liong 100 1/2, C.I.B. 100 1/2, Chartered Bank 100 1/2, Mercantile Bank A. & B. 231 1/2; Bank of East Asia 107 1/2.

Insurance: Canton Ins. 42 1/2; Union Ins. 70 1/2; China Underwriters 21 1/2; H.K. Fire Ins. 31 1/2.

Shipping: Douglas 24 1/2; H.K. & A. 100 1/2; Indo China (Prof.) 10 1/2; (Def.) 50 1/2; Shells (Bearer) (X.D.) 10 1/2; Indo China Waterboats (X.D.) 10 1/2.

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Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.: H.K. & Wharves 20 1/2; H.K. Docks 31 1/2; Sincia 10 1/2; Providence 22 1/2; 25 1/2; Shanghai Dockyard 17 1/2.

Mining: Haub Mines 7 1/2; H.K. Mines 7 1/2.

Land, Hotels & Bldgs.: H. & S. Hotels 25 1/2; 26 1/2; 27 1/2; 28 1/2; H.K. Land (X.D.) 10 1/2; 11 1/2; 12 1/2; 13 1/2; 14 1/2; 15 1/2; 16 1/2; 17 1/2; 18 1/2; 19 1/2; 20 1/2; 21 1/2; 22 1/2; 23 1/2; 24 1/2; 25 1/2; 26 1/2; 27 1/2; 28 1/2; 29 1/2; 30 1/2; 31 1/2; 32 1/2; 33 1/2; 34 1/2; 35 1/2; 36 1/2; 37 1/2; 38 1/2; 39 1/2; 40 1/2; 41 1/2; 42 1/2; 43 1/2; 44 1/2; 45 1/2; 46 1/2; 47 1/2; 48 1/2; 49 1/2; 50 1/2; 51 1/2; 52 1/2; 53 1/2; 54 1/2; 55 1/2; 56 1/2; 57 1/2; 58 1/2; 59 1/2; 60 1/2; 61 1/2; 62 1/2; 63 1/2; 64 1/2; 65 1/2; 66 1/2; 67 1/2; 68 1/2; 69 1/2; 70 1/2; 71 1/2; 72 1/2; 73 1/2; 74 1/2; 75 1/2; 76 1/2; 77 1/2; 78 1/2; 79 1/2; 80 1/2; 81 1/2; 82 1/2; 83 1/2; 84 1/2; 85 1/2; 86 1/2; 87 1/2; 88 1/2; 89 1/2; 90 1/2; 91 1/2; 92 1/2; 93 1/2; 94 1/2; 95 1/2; 96 1/2; 97 1/2; 98 1/2; 99 1/2; 100 1/2.

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## Backers Have Bad Time At Ascot Meeting

Ascot, June 19.  
France made ample amends for her many costly Ascot defeats when restaurant owner M. F. R. Schmitt's four-year-old Souverain cantered away with the Gold Cup, the premier award of the four-day Royal meeting, run over a distance of two and a half miles.  
In glorious sunshine, before the King, Queen and the Princesses and the biggest crowd of the meeting, Souverain (starting at six to four) scored a four lengths' win over the 11 to 10 on favourite Chanteur.

### "Ty" Cobb's Troubles

Reno, Nevada, June 19.  
Ty Cobb, "Ty" Cobb, heavy hitting "George" Cobb, whom many sports experts call the greatest outfielder in American baseball history, today filed suit for divorce.  
Cobb, all-time American League great, charged his wife, Charlotte Cobb, with three years' separation. The Cobb's were married in Augusta, Georgia, on Aug. 7, 1908.  
Cobb, now a major stockholder in a famous soft drink company, has been estranged from his wife for several years. His wife filed suit for divorce from her husband in Redwood City, Cal., about four months ago. She asked for a \$1,500,000 property settlement. The suit was later withdrawn with an announcement that a settlement was being arranged. The complaint filed in the district court here said the property settlement has been agreed upon. Its terms were not disclosed. —United Press.

### FIGHTING BACK

Athlanta, Georgia, June 19.  
Fighting back from a three-hole deficit with just six holes to play, medalist Grace Lenzyck of Newington, Connecticut, advanced to the semi-finals today in the women's Western Open golf tournament here. —United Press.  
Detroit, June 19.  
Jimmy Demarest, whose 1947 golf earnings exceed US\$15,500 in cash, added the silver-plated Alex Smith trophy to his winnings with three under par, 69, which gave him medal honors in the 29th annual Professional Golfers' Association tourney with a score of 137. —United Press.

### RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and 9.30 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m.  
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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.  
12.35 p.m.—Vim Memorial.  
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1.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Grand Hotel", Albert Bandier and Palm Court Orchestra, with Gladys Holey (Vocal).  
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.  
2.30 p.m.—Times of Not-So-Long-Ago.  
2.45 p.m.—London Relay: Parliamentary Summary; Colonial Affairs.  
3.00 p.m.—Studio: Unit Requests, Bernie Knott (singer)—R.A.F. Port Detachment, Kowloon.  
3.10 p.m.—London Relay: World News.  
3.15 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.  
3.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Short and Sweet".  
3.45 p.m.—Studio: Classical Piano Recital by Clifford Huntman.  
4.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Flying Visit" Part 2. A Radio Travelogue based upon Leonard Collett's flight to Australia.  
4.30 p.m.—Studio: A Variety Programme by "Philly's Six".  
5.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.  
5.30 p.m.—Weather Report.  
6.00 p.m.—London Relay: The H.K. Hotel of Fred Carlin and His "Gripes".  
6.15 p.m.—Close Down.  
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## Amour Propre Upset

Paris, June 19.  
French tennis circles today felt insulted by the fact that Yvon Petra, French holder of the Wimbledon singles title, was seeded only seventh for this year's Wimbledon beginning next Monday.  
It was pointed out that in the past the defending champion normal was accorded the top-seeded spot.  
"We do not mind the English breaking down tradition," one French official said, "but we do not like to be insulted as a result of it."  
Petra, when asked for his opinion, said: "I am rather disappointed, but then that is not important. I must be in good form and show them again that I can win."  
Petra added that, his own chances apart, Jack Kramer, of the United States, was his choice, but he thought Jaroslav Drobny, of Czechoslovakia, could easily reach the final if he played as he did against France in the Davis Cup European Zone semi-final in Prague. —Reuter.

## BLACK WOOL

### Gloucester Chasing Middlesex

Sydney, June 19.  
A miniature bale of black wool shorn from "Samba", the pet lamb of five-year-old Prince William of Gloucester, eldest son of the Duke of Gloucester, realised £350 at the wool auctions today.  
The proceeds will go to an Australian Legacy Club which is caring for former servicemen's children. —Reuter.  
London, June 19.  
Gloucester, chasing Middlesex hard for the English county cricket championship, looked well set for another win at the close of play today in their match against Worcestershire.  
Close of second day's play, scores were:—  
At Worcester: Worcestershire 172 and 221; Gloucestershire 248 and 68 for two.  
At Guildford: Sussex 301; Surrey 186 for seven.  
At Nottingham: Kent 130 and 103 for three; Nottinghamshire 462 for five declared (Wilson 140, Reddick 139, Simpson 70).  
At Ilkeston: Derbyshire 327 (Worthington 130, Revell 78, Elliott 69); Leicestershire 104 (Pope six for 30, Gladwin four for 38) and 26 for three.  
At Cardiff: Glamorgan 442 (Jones 132); Essex 216 (Gray 58); and 54 for two.  
At Oxford: Middlesex 175 and 210 for seven (Compton 79); Oxford University 372 (Keighley 99, Donnelly 84, Young six for 105).  
At Harrogate: Yorkshire 104 and 73 for three; Gentlemen of Ireland 92 (Robinson six for 35).  
At Manchester: Lancashire 270 for five declared and 83 for one; Cambridge University 191 (Price four for 48).  
At Southampton: Hampshire 434 for nine declared (Eagar 64, Hill 59); Northamptonshire 294 for six (Cox 55, Timms 68). —Reuter.

### Great Win

The day's racing ended with a great win for the crack Irish sprinter, The Bug. He had been stated to be a doubtful runner and not thought to be fully fit, so he started at the generous prices of 11 to 10 against in the Cork and Orrey Stakes, run over six furlongs.

The Bug was fit enough to toy with his opponents and win by four lengths from the 20 to 1 outsider Cul De Sac, with heavily backed Closeburn, ridden by Gordon Richards, starting at two to one further half a length away.  
Backers have taken a hiding during the meeting and they are looking for some well placed winners to come to their aid tomorrow; otherwise, settling day will be heavy. —Reuter.

## SPORTS CRITICS UPSET AUSTRALIANS

Sydney, June 20.  
The tabloid "Sydney Daily Mirror" has printed a hot attack on English sports-critics who, it said, "use the slightest pretext to rave and snivel about what they call lack of sportsmanship."  
Other Australian comments were, however, critical of the Australian tennis players withdrawal from the Queens Club tournament after the draw had been made and John Bromwich had eliminated one player.  
The "Mirror" said, in a sports page editorial, that because of their withdrawal, the Australians had been "slandered and traduced by a pack of carping critics" and pointed out, "surely they have some say in training and tournament play before the big event" (the Davis Cup).  
The "Mirror" said that there had been criticism during the last English cricket and Rugby league tours of Australia and added:—  
"Perhaps it is that in England being in the doldrums in most branches of sport, critics with a general feeling of frustration are willing to take it out on anybody. The innocent action of players are magnified and misinterpreted by these frustrated intellectuals."  
The "Sydney Daily Telegraph" deplored the Australian withdrawal editorially and said, "we don't want to win the Cup and leave a bad reputation behind."  
—Associated Press.

### Leaving The Holy See

Vatican City, June 18.  
M. Jacques Maritain, French Ambassador to the Holy See and one of the best known lay Catholic philosophers, may shortly quit his post at the Vatican.  
Maritain was given the Grand Order of Plus IX by the Pope on June 2, Vatican quarters pointed out that this decoration is generally given diplomats about to leave the Holy See.  
Maritain's reported replacement as French Ambassador to the Vatican is M. Vladimir d'Ormesson, who held the Vatican post until Italy declared war on France in June, 1940. —United Press.

Tokyo, June 20.  
Japanese raw silk production in May totalled 10,749 bales, representing an increase of 320 bales over the previous month, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry announced today.  
May production brings the total raw silk output since January to 45,090 bales. —Reuter.

## Bandits Active In Chahar

Nanking, June 19.  
Bandits, estimated to number 1,000, chiefly Mongolians, are now ravaging Northern Chahar, Chinese province bordering on Outer Mongolia, according to Central News despatches received here today.  
Burning and looting, the band is reported to have put to flight over 500 households of the Polyana Banner, which they first attacked on June 11.  
As refugees move out, the bandits are pushing in the same direction with the intention of attacking the Tsengian Banner.  
Chinese Government troops have gathered 23 miles north of Tolun, which is located in Eastern Chahar, to check the bandits. —Reuter.

## Mombasa Disturbance

Mombasa, June 20.  
One thousand infuriated natives seeking "Mumiyani" natives who sell human blood for healing purposes stormed a local fire station and injured three Europeans and several police during the night.  
Mumiyani natives are reported to waylay passers-by during the dead of night. They slit the throat and collect the blood, which is supposed to be wondrous healing qualities.  
A mob became obsessed with the notion that some Mumiyani were hiding in a fire station. They attacked the station from all sides. Strong police reserves arrived in the nick of time as the defenders were about to be overwhelmed.  
In addition to the injured, a fire engine was wrecked by the stone-throwing mob. —United Press.

## Agriculture Bill In Commons

London, June 20.  
The Agriculture Minister, Mr. Tom Williams, moving the second reading of the Agriculture Bill in the House of Commons today, recalled the severity of last winter and the unparalleled spring floods which cost the country 4,000,000 head of sheep and reduced the wheat acreage by half a million.  
"We have no assurance that next winter, nature not even break the disastrous record it made for itself this year," he said.  
Mr. Williams outlined in detail the effects of natural disasters and the means Government took to alleviate them by the application of emergency payments under the Agriculture Bill.  
He said "The disasters justified exceptional measures such as compensation payments to farmers for their stocks and crop losses."

## NEW ECONOMIC PLAN

### Chang Chun's Proposals Approved In Nanking

### Ike To Hang On For A Year

Washington, June 19.  
General Eisenhower today denied reports that he is resigning as the Army Chief of Staff at least for the rest of this year, although he confirmed that he had been offered the post of President of Columbia University in New York.  
The chief of the War Department Public Relations Office, Major General F. L. Parks, said: "General Eisenhower has declined to say that he has no intention of leaving his present assignment during the current year."  
"In determining any future activity upon which he might embark at the conclusion of his duties as Chief of Staff, he would like to utilize his energies in something connected with public service of a non-political nature."  
"One suggestion that he has received was from a certain member of the Board of Trustees of Columbia University that he consider the Presidency of that University, but he is not in a position to discuss the matter at this time."  
Major General Parks said that General Eisenhower, in any case, would not consider any engagement "until after his superiors have released him from his present duties." —Reuter.

### NEW MINES

London, June 19.  
Since July 1, 1946, 103 new coal mines have been opened in Britain, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, Minister of Fuel and Power, told the House of Commons today.  
Mr. Shinwell added that most of them were drifts or small mines. —Reuter.

## Shanghai Race Club Claim Fails

Shanghai, June 20.  
An appeal by the British Chairman of the Board of Directors of the former Shanghai Race Club for the return of the Kiangwan course to the Club has been turned down by the Executive Yuan.  
The Race Course was sold by the Shanghai Race Club to a Japanese commercial firm in 1939 for CN\$700,000 to be paid in three instalments. However, the third instalment of CN\$200,000 was not paid to the receiver but deposited by the buyer in the former Korean Bank under the name of the receiver due to the fact that the receiver had left the city following the outbreak of the Pacific War.  
The Race Course was later sold by the firm to a Japanese bank and was taken over as enemy property by the Chinese Government after V-J Day.  
The appeal for its return was made on the ground that the buyer had failed to pay the third instalment and that the contract be nullified. Earlier, the British Chairman submitted to the defunct Alien Property Administration a similar request which was not granted. —Central News.

## Escape Complex Lost The "Graf Spee"

London, June 19.  
The "escape complex" of the commander of the "Graf Spee" cost him his ship and a major naval victory, it was shown by the text of a dispatch sent to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty on December 30, 1939 by Rear-Admiral H. Harwood, published today in the "London Gazette".  
The dispatch minutely detailed the action and ambush off the River Plate where the German pocket-battle ship "Graf Spee" was scuttled seven and a half years ago today.  
"The 'Gazette' included an Admiralty chart of the action, showing where salvos were fired, etc."  
Admiral Harwood concluded that "the main impression is of the adequacy of our peacetime training" regarding enemy tactics.  
"The most salient point, is that 'Spee' closed on sighting us (which) had the effect of bringing both the eight-inch and six-inch guns of the cruisers into effective gun range at once and so avoided for us the most difficult problem of gaining range in face of 11-inch gunfire," he said.  
Harwood said after "Spee" turned away from the action "her commanding officer displayed little offensive spirit and did not take advantage" of her opportunities.  
Gunnery  
The "Graf Spee's" 11-inch gunnery was good but her small guns were inaccurate. She "had an exceptionally high degree of manoeuvrability.... At no time did she steam at higher speed than 24 knots.... The enemy smoke screens were good but not entirely effective as they did not rise high enough."  
Harwood said: "Perhaps the most interesting part was the mixing of delay action and direct explosive shells," of which, he said, direct action "was the most effective through splinter action."  
He stressed the need for increased protection, saying: "There must always be a tendency for a cruiser to desire increased protection and this must generally be resisted because increased weight cuts down manoeuvrability." —United Press.

### U.S. POST FILLED

Washington, June 19.  
President Truman today named a New York banker and former Rhodes Scholar, Mr. Charles Saltzman, as Assistant Secretary of State.  
It is understood that Mr. Saltzman will take over the post at present held by Mr. John Hilldring, of Chief of the State Department's Division of Occupied Areas Affairs.  
Mr. Hilldring's resignation is expected shortly. —Reuter.

## Land Reform And Cut Subsidies

Nanking, June 20.  
Premier Chang Chun's new economic plan, submitted to the State Council for approval today, provides reforms at the "proper time," a new foreign exchange rate and inflow of overseas Chinese remittances.  
It also provides for the raising of customs duties, direct salt taxes and institutions "under the export and import joint control" system which allows an exporter to use foreign exchanges obtained from his exports to buy merchandise to import.  
The plan includes a nine-point land reform programme based on the principle of "land to tillers" which cuts land rentals by 25 per cent. It seeks the establishment of collective farms and more agricultural experimental stations, the construction of irrigation canals, the development of cattle-raising and village handicraft.  
The plan restricts State-owned enterprises to railways, large-scale hydro-electric plants, steel and iron factories, mines and airfields.  
Civil aviation and telephonic communications are specifically within the scope of private ownership.  
The plan restricts imports to productive tools, machinery, raw materials and laboratory equipment and seeks the requisitioning of private capital abroad.  
The plan provides for production loans on easy terms and for means of directing idle capital to productive channels.  
It curbs speculation, market manipulations and the use of an official position for private benefit, but urges the establishment of stock exchanges.  
It makes a clearcut division between business operations and those of government banks and said that the present four government banks under joint administrative office, should be reorganized into a possibly merged under the Finance Ministry's currency department.  
The plan is based on the economic reform resolution adopted by the Kuomintang's Central Executive Committee last March, which was written by Chen Li-fu. —United Press.

### Plan Approved

Nanking, June 20.  
The State Council today approved Premier Chang Chun's new economic plan with changes and sent it together with the February economic measures to the National Economic Council for further review and implementation.  
The Economic Council will draw up technical and detailed measures for carrying out the economic plan.  
Amending the National Economic Council resolution for abandonment of the subsidy system, the State Council said the system should be continued partially and specifically laid down the following six points:  
1. Subsidies for coal mines should be discontinued;  
2. Subsidies for railway communications should be CN\$79,000,000,000;  
3. Subsidies for postal communications should be CN\$16,100,000,000 monthly;  
4. For telegraphic communications, CN\$4,000,000,000 monthly;  
5. Subsidies for public utilities in Shanghai and Nanking should be discontinued completely;  
6. Subsidies for the National Resources Commission should be discontinued.  
The problem of a new peace plan was not brought up in the Council as expected. —United Press.

### PALESTINE INQUIRY

Jerusalem, June 20.  
The United Nations Special Committee on Palestine visited the Dead Sea this morning and inspected the potash works there. They are expected to return to Jerusalem later today.  
Reliable sources said at a closed meeting last night the Committee discussed a petition received for the parents of three fugitive Jewish members sentenced to death for participating in the Acre Prison attack. It is not known whether any decision was reached. —United Press.  
The latest Communist destructive activities have cut the Peking-Mukden railway in the heart of the coal mining region near Kalping. Apart from halting coal movements, this has also cut off the arrival of coarser grains from Manchuria on which the masses in Hopei depend on for sustenance.  
Meanwhile, in preparation for possible Communist attacks, defence at Chinwangtao, the famous coal port, are being strengthened. —Reuter.

## CHANGCHUN TO BE CONCEDED?

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holds the situation in Manchuria can be remedied. —United Press.  
Tientsin Attack  
Tientsin, June 20.  
Nationalist troops last night beat off a Communist attack on the Tientsin airfield which the CNAC is using for six daily round-trip passenger flights between Tientsin and Peiping. Fighting lasted several hours. An unknown number of Red irregulars were repulsed before they reached the airfield four miles outside the city. Another sortie at 1 a.m. was also repulsed.  
United States Marines relinquished jurisdiction over the airfield on June 18. No Marines were on the field at the time of the attack. —United Press.  
Szepekingal Losses  
Peiping, June 20.  
The Chinese press today claimed that Communist "human bombs" helped to blast the Nationalists out of the centre of Szepekingal.  
Press reports said Red suicide squads loaded with high explosives hurled themselves against Nationalist positions blasting a path for storm-troopers. —United Press.

### New Threat

Tientsin, June 20.  
While Nationalist columns continue their counter drive along the Tientsin-Pukow railway southward of Tientsin, a new threat looms from the north-east where a strong Communist force is reported to be moving in the coal mining area of Kalping, 80 miles northeast of Tientsin along the Peking-Mukden railway.  
Fighting of undisclosed proportions is said to have already begun last night in this sector. At the same time, Communist reinforcements are reported to be moving from central Honan province to join with the forces of General Nien Yung-chen in the northern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow railway, where no noteworthy developments have occurred overnight.  
Reflecting the general pessimism over the situation here, an exodus of wealthy Chinese from North China cities and ports by air for Shanghai and Hong Kong has started.

Economic Blockade  
According to informed observers, it is becoming increasingly evident that the economic blockade of North China's major commercial centres such as Tientsin and Peiping is the prime objective as the Communists continue their relentless thrust to sever this city's lifeline links with the hinterland.  
Despite desperate endeavours of the railway authorities to maintain some semblance of communications, fresh sabotage of the newly restored lines is being discovered daily, upsetting the resumption of traffic in every direction.  
The latest Communist destructive activities have cut the Peking-Mukden railway in the heart of the coal mining region near Kalping. Apart from halting coal movements, this has also cut off the arrival of coarser grains from Manchuria on which the masses in Hopei depend on for sustenance.  
Meanwhile, in preparation for possible Communist attacks, defence at Chinwangtao, the famous coal port, are being strengthened. —Reuter.